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LETTERS

Growing Up

Dear Mr. Ford:

I have only once written a letter to the editor and this is my first time writing to a newspaper correspondent. I feel somewhat strange in doing so, but I forge ahead with the task because I want you to know what a great impact your *Growing Up: One 'Man's' Story* in the July 1991 issue of the *SF Bay Times* had upon me.

I am thirty-six and facing some of the very same issues which you describe in your essay. I find myself going to work in the morning (I'm a high school principal) asking myself, Is this it? I look back on my teaching days as the embodiment of idealism and hope, when I thought that my impact upon the world would be greater than it actually is. (I'm still idealistic enough to think that I am having an impact.) Nevertheless, the cynicism/hope dichotomy, which you wrote about, is one that I find very present in my life. Similarly, I am no longer surprised by "society's meanness or humankind's foolishness." I suspect I am beginning to surrender to the inevitable and listen to my inner voice. Being a religious person (actually Catholic—which offers an immense personal struggle for me given my Church's silly position on the gay lifestyle), I still, thankfully, look to my God to help me chart the course of my life. I've given up, however, on trying to steer it as firmly as I had thought I could do a decade ago.

I was also struck by your comments about the social life of the gay community. I smiled as I read your description of the "meet-greet-date" cycle. I find it tiring at best and a terrible blow to my ego (at worst) as I contemplate the ravages time has wrought on what I had previously thought was a "perfect" body. I've finally come to the conclusion that whatever happens next by way of that "special pooky," it's going to be by accident and not something that can be orchestrated by purchasing the appropriate beauty care products. In short, I thought you expertly captured my "thirtysomething" experience and, I suspect, that of others in our cohort.

Thanks for speaking to my experience in such a significant way. I look forward to reading future chronicles of your experience of the passage of time, should you decide to write them.

Oh, and I also have a cat—but I think she tortures me rather than the other way around.

Name Withheld
Bay Area

Trading Spontaneity For Maturity?

Just a note from another balding hippie/aging faggot to let you know how much I enjoyed your article on "Growing Up" that appeared in the July issue of *SF Bay Times*. It helped soothe several anxieties that have had me ruminating since I met maturity head-on and became a tad morose.

I'm turning 36 in another week and have become overwhelmed by the significant changes that have happened in the last year. Old friends are writing to say how impressed they are with my "togetherness" and all I can do is wonder if I've traded spontaneity for maturity. I've been clean and sober for almost as long as I was dirty and drugged; have recently put myself through college (where I developed a fondness for semi-colons); have a semi-respectable job in a SF ad agency; and have purchased a house in west Berkeley with the man I have been in love with for over 10 years. So what's the problem? I can no longer move to another city at the drop of a hat, quit my job when it becomes too meaningless/boring or tell anyone obstructing my path to kiss my ass if the mood strikes. I'm on a path of respectability that I plan to stay on and that puts limitations on my freedom. Your article equated youth with being valuable. I also think that youth equals being carefree.

But your article also mentioned (after making me laugh several times) that what worked 10 years ago no longer applies today. You helped wake me out of my doldrums and continue trundling down the fucking pike of life. And for that you have my heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely, Best Wishes, Your Friend, etc.

Gary Josephson
Beserkeley

Gay Men On Lesbians

Letter to Ms. Louise Rafkin:

In the July 1991 issue of *SF Bay Times*, you encouraged the men to "get back" to you on the issue of lesbian invisibility. Sorry for taking so long, but I always assume a posture of "better late than never."

I am quite aware of the lesbian invisibility issue. As a member of GLAAD, I was fortunate to hear a panel of lesbians in the media discuss obstacles in a male-dominated industry. During this same panel discussion, it also became clear that the problem continues whenever we as a community don't accentuate the "lesbian" within "lesbian and gay."

Actually, I am most fortunate to have a lover who is highly sensitive to lesbian issues. He introduces me to many interesting lesbian performers and entertainers, lesbian writers and takes me to events predominantly attended by lesbians. As a gay-identified man, my music collection now contains cassettes of Phranc, Two Nice Girls, and Melanie Demore. I've seen all five episodes of "Two In Twenty." I'm currently reading Judy Grahn's "Another Mother Tongue" for the first time (and loving it). Sexually, I learned a great deal more about S&M from Pat Califia's "Macho Sluts" than from any gay male text.

This is merely to suggest that "we" are out there. Some gay men aren't completely ignorant to lesbian issues, lesbian concerns, lesbian ideals, etc.

The Parade this year gave my household a chance to get creative and make our own T-shirts. I penciled in my artwork, including the banner: Lesbian Gay Freedom Day. Was this correct? I had to run to the queer rags to ensure that lesbian came before gay. How fabulous to discover that (indeed) our community places the emphasis on lesbian to ensure visibility.

I always enjoy your column and look forward to future pieces which make us ALL think. And respond. And think some more.

Joe Collins
Berkeley

Disabled Gays In The Community

A letter to Kenny Fries:

I cannot tell you how excited I was to read your article in the *SF Bay Times*: "Sexuality and Disability." I am a disabled gay man from England who has been visiting your country. Part of the reason I came over here was to attempt to make contact with other gay disability groups, hoping I might find people who could give me support in setting something up in my own country. Unfortunately, I have had limited success.

Firstly, I spent a week in New York where I made contact with several members of a group called E.D.G.E. (Education in a Disabled Environment). However, it would appear that E.D.G.E. is on the verge of collapse. So, although I've made useful contacts as friends, I did not really achieve much support to give me the energy to do work in Britain.

I then moved on to San Francisco where, I have to say, I found even less going on for gays with disabilities. Indeed, if I'm honest, attitudes on the issue here by the gay community—if they have any—are probably worse and more backward than they are back in England with its attitude and values on the "body beautiful" and disability still equaling victim and charity.

Somewhat despondent, therefore, I was so pleased to read your article. It touched so totally my own track of thoughts and feelings at present. It was so wonderful to have someone else eloquently coming out with the same track of thought and emotion that I am increasingly day-by-day coming to. You have no idea how isolated and frustrated I have felt. At last, someone I can relate to who is further down the path of understanding of himself and our common oppression than perhaps I am at present. Also, realising that sitting back and saying nothing, not wishing to rock any boats, is not the answer.

You've no idea how important it is to me and others like us to communicate with each other in these early days of my own understanding and acceptance of self.

My disability is that I have brittle bones which means I am very short of stature and operate mainly from a wheelchair. At present I know of no gay men with disabilities with like-minds who are attempting to make a place for themselves within the gay community on our terms. That is why your article is a godsend.

Trevor Sword
Birmingham, England

Putting Our Abilities Together

I want to commend Kenny Fries on his article, "Sexuality and Disability: Writing About Differences" in the July 1991 issue of the *SF Bay Times*.

As a gay disabled man who survived a severe traumatic head injury ten years ago, I share the anger, frustration and disappointment, which Mr. Fries so eloquently points out, in the gay community's lack of inclusion and nurturing of gay and lesbian individuals with disabilities.

Ten years ago I was both bitter and supportive of the gay community's response to the AIDS epidemic. I was bitter because it took a plague to heighten awareness about homosexuals with disabilities. There were no Shantis or Open Hands when I became disabled and there are still more gay and lesbian individuals with disabilities out there who are not disabled by HIV or AIDS. Why do we still want to separate disabled gay and lesbian individuals who are disabled by the HIV virus and AIDS from gay and lesbian individuals with non-HIV virus related disabilities?

Could it be that the gay community like our society at large is once again creating a separate and unequal acceptance of gay and lesbian individuals? Which disability within our community deserves more attention, respect or acceptance: the deaf, the blind, the amputee, the spinal cord injured or cancer, heart disease, alcoholism or AIDS? It would be great if gay and lesbian individuals with disabilities could get together and work on common issues. I think we should put together our abilities to overcome the ignorance of those within the gay community who are temporarily able-bodied. We are not dangerous objects of pity, or objects of inspiration. We are still the most discriminated-against minority within our culture and still fighting for our civil rights.

John Spakas
San Francisco

Identifying Bisexual

Bill Donaho misses the point (letters in the June and July 1991 issues) and, now that you have printed TWO of his rambling, biphobic letters, I wonder if you haven't also. His preference for men who do not identify as bisexual is, of course, his business (as much as my preference for men with hairy chests is my business), but that is more the subject for a personal ad than the Letters column. The problem is that he tries to portray HIS discomfort with men who identify bisexual as THEIR discomfort with men. I identify bisexual and I am very comfortable with some men and some women, though I doubt that I would be comfortable with Mr. Donaho or his girlfriend who "would physically attack anyone, male or female, who aroused her ire." Mr. Donaho says that he suspects that men who identify bisexual are not honest with themselves, but he is clearly dishonest with himself: after putting down bisexually-identified men by asking, "Just what IS their problem...?", in the very next paragraph says, "This does not mean, of course, that I think that men (or women) who call themselves bisexual should be put down..."

Richard Susan Bassein
Berkeley

Silencing Diversity

Steve Omlid writes a pretty letter in July's *SF Bay Times* ("Assimilationists"), but there is little substance beyond the surface. A few points are still worth making, however, in response to Omlid's contentions about assimilation, the First Amendment and harmony in the queer communities.

Omlid argues that it is wrong to silence any "queer voice." On purely legal and ethical grounds, I would agree. Libertarian theories of the press and Rawlsian (social justice) ethics offer strong refutations to the old adage that "silence is golden." Silence is never really golden, especially for the silenced. However, Omlid moves quickly and awkwardly from a defense of the silenced to a defense of the assimilationists. In doing so, he incorrectly suggests that anti-assimilationists are somehow striving to restrict assimilationist rhetoric. Nothing could be further from the truth; telling someone that their beliefs are repulsive is simply *not* the same as telling them to shut up...or shutting them up.

If assimilationists are finding it harder to peddle

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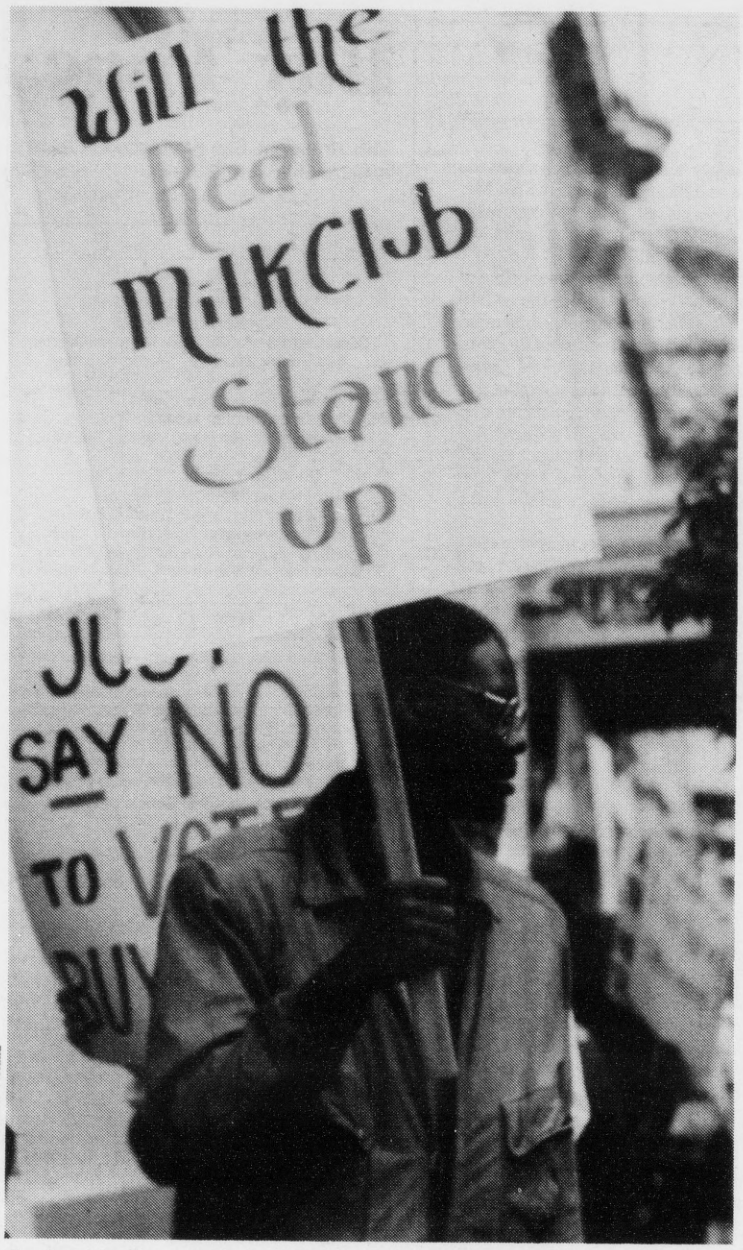

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On the picket line outside the Milk Club endorsement meeting

The Politics of Race:

Racism Rears its Ugly Head In the Battle to Elect The Next Mayor of San Francisco

BY TIM KINGSTON

Inside the Women's Building loud cheers of "Run Dick Run!" exploded from the 300-strong crowd that had gathered to hear mayoral candidate Richard Hongisto speak at the Harvey Milk Gay Lesbian Democratic Club on July 23. Hongisto blasted Mayor Art Agnos' record on everything from needle exchange to police brutality, and then walked away with the Club's endorsement by a vote of 232 votes to 33—out of a total membership of 749.

Outside the building, reaction to the Club's decision to hold a July mayoral endorsement vote was quite different. A mixed group of about 50 Agnos supporters, many of whom are members of the Milk Club's Black Caucus, picketed, urging Club members to boycott the vote. They charge that the Hongisto campaign packed the Club by buying up memberships, enabling the Club to make an early endorsement in July instead of September, when it was originally scheduled. According to members of the Milk Club's Black and Asian Pacific Islander Caucuses, the early endorsement was racist because both caucuses were excluded from participating in the process.

For Byron McQuarter, the Milk Club's internal affairs vice president, the early endorsement was the final straw in what he contends is a string of exclusionary and racist decisions by the so-called "white caucus" of the Club's executive committee.

Zoon Nguyen, the Club's political affairs vice president and an Agnos supporter, says the people who wanted a September endorsement "feel they were robbed of an opportunity to speak to the candidates... around [the candidates'] record on affirmative action and lesbian/gay rights and related issues." Nguyen rails, "If you have an endorsement for Hongisto, do you think any candidate will come and talk to the caucuses? It is a done deal!"

This accusation is rejected by Robert Barnes, the Hongisto campaign's field director. "This has nothing to do with racism. This has to do with the support of one candidate over the other. The Hongisto campaign in the lesbian/gay community is better organized than Agnos."

T.J. Anthony, gay community activist and Hongisto's campaign manager, also denied the allegations of racism concerning the early endorsement. He says the allegation is "clearly a Room 200 contrivance," i.e., from the Mayor's office. Anthony also pointedly notes that Nguyen is employed by the Mayor.

Jon Mason, a co-founding member of the Milk Club's Black Caucus, and a Hongisto supporter, agrees that the early endorsement angered people of color in the Club. He agrees the decision could be called "insensitive," but says, "It was a political maneuver—it happened. We have to accept it and play by the rules."

Addressing the charges of membership-buying, Mason argues it is a routine part of electoral politics. "It goes on and it should be squealed about. It should be recognized and a stink should be made, but it should not be taken out of proportion." Anthony asserts the sudden jump in the number of members of the Milk Club who support Hongisto was a result of a political stratagem designed to counter an earlier membership drive by the Agnos campaign.

Milk Club president Jean Harris dismisses the charges of racism. While she notes there is racism in the gay/lesbian community, she contends that many of the current allegations come from Black Caucus members who support the Mayor's agenda, and that that is what is behind the allegations of racism. "The first thing that comes out is... if you accuse the Black Caucus of doing the Mayor's agenda, you are being racist."

Pam David, a community activist who supports Agnos and works for the office of community development, counters, "That is bullshit. Sure, some [of the Black Caucus] are associated with the Mayor, but more are young Black lesbians and gay men who wanted to work in the Milk Club. And the door was shut in their face!"

FUEL TO THE FIRE

The level of racially and sexually charged political invective developing around the mayor's race is surprising even to political insiders. Since the campaign began to heat up in the last two months, issues around race have combined with electoral politics in a particularly virulent way— with accusations of racism and politicking, screaming sessions at political meetings and late night political chicanery.

"The issue is power by any means necessary, minus assassination, because we don't seem to have got to the point where you kill for it," says Roma Guy, director of the capital campaign of the Women's Building. "But anything else is appropriate."

Melinda Paras, membership chair of the Milk Club, believes that the reason for much of the viciousness and distrust emanates not from the community but "from the two straight white men who are running for office—and that pisses the shit out of me!" This point is repeated by many of those involved on both sides of the contest—and even by Barnes and Anthony, both of whom are working for Hongisto.

The vicious level of intra-community battle can be gauged by the fact that McQuarter was called "nigger" in a private phone conversation on July 19 by Uni Escobedo, Milk Club recording secretary. That led to a bizarre scene at the July 23 Milk Club meeting where Escobedo apologized for the racial comment without actually revealing what he had said. This led to whispered comments of "What did he say? What did he say?" Mason revealed that Escobedo had used "the N-word." But then, Mason attacked McQuarter for calling him an "Uncle Tom" and went on to say that members of oppressed groups should not call each other the names used to insult them.

An earlier incident occurred at a meeting of the Alice B. Tolkas Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club. Carmen Vasquez, coordinator of the Department of Health's Lesbian/Gay Health Services, brought up the use of the term "plantation politics," which Hongisto supporters are directing at Agnos. In doing so, she criticized members of the Hongisto campaign, Alice Club members and the gay/lesbian press as being racist and insulting to people of color working in city government appointed by Agnos. In what Vasquez took as a response to her comments, the next speaker, Dennis Collins, stood up and stated, "I am a gay white male and not ashamed." Vasquez and Nguyen say the meeting erupted in hoots and hollers and cheers from the mainly gay, white, male audience. Collins later says he apologized for the comment.

Nguyen immediately challenged Collins, to which he allegedly replied, "Don't threaten me bitch." Nguyen later said about the incident, "To his credit, he apologized." Shortly after Vasquez's criticism and Collins' subsequent comment, Anthony entered the meeting and unwittingly used the term "plantation politics" again in a statement he denies making. Anthony, however, does argue the term "plantation politics" is valid to use because, he says, it "originated in the African American community to describe the treatment of Black activists by Mayor Agnos."

Vasquez says both incidents were racist and sexist "whether they were intended to be or not." The result of it all was a long letter decrying sexism and racism in the gay/lesbian community, particularly during this election. It was signed by eight women from all sides of the mayoral race—including Jeanette Lazam, a Filipina and Milk Club Political Action Co-Chair; Roma Guy; Eileen Hansen, director of the National Lawyers Guild AIDS Network and Zoon Nguyen.

Hansen, an Alice and Milk Club member who supports Hongisto, says she signed the letter to point out that there is an increasing level of racism both in the larger society and in the gay/lesbian community. "That just happens to be getting played out in the mayoral campaign—but it, in fact, is all around us. The intent of the letter was to raise issues and dialogue about how we will build a movement...that addresses, first, our own racism and sexism, along with the racism and sexism in society."

A SHORT HISTORY OF MUTUAL SUSPICION

The battle in the Milk Club has been constant between Harris and the Black Caucus ever since Harris was elected club president in January. The election itself was mired in controversy. Harris asserts her entire slate was left off the ballot as a result of political machinations by Agnos supporters. But rather than holding a new election, she adopted a compromise measure where she appointed a number of the people on her slate to committee chairs, granting them seats on the executive committee. She argues that this action was within her purview as President.

That is not how McQuarter and a number of members of the Black Caucus see the situation. McQuarter argues that the original election put four people of color into six executive committee positions and that Harris then appointed 17 new executive committee members—15 of whom are white—considerably diluting the power of the minority members on the executive committee. McQuarter contends that was an illegal action by Harris and calls her charges of election fraud "an out-and-out lie."

Jonathan Katz, a member of Queer Nation and Milk Club executive committee member, denies that the appointments were racially motivated, but says, "A number of the people in the Black Caucus did not support Harris, so Jean had surrounded herself with support and developed a Board that thought the way she did. So I don't think that was racist—you can make determinations about if that was political."

Over the following months other controversies erupted between Harris and the Black Caucus that contributed to an ever deteriorating relationship between the two groups—including one involving a dispute over the Women's Music Festival at Camp Mather.

Harris contends members of the Black Caucus were being sexist in their opposition to lifting San Francisco antidiscrimination ordinances to allow the Festival to sell tickets only to women. Harris also says she is the target of rampant sexism within the Club. "Women and lesbians are not under the politically correct agenda. It is OK for men to stand up and scream in my face. It is OK to call me names. I think sexism is being unaddressed."

The Black Caucus, on the other hand, was nervous about making *any* exceptions to antidiscrimination ordinances and worried about possible exceptions to those ordinances in the future that could affect people of color.

It is into this charged setting that Queer Nation's Sexual Minority Refuge Resolution making San Franicsco a sanctuary city for gay people was

dropped like a fragmentation grenade.

QUEER SAFE SPACE OR PARTY POLITICKING?

The Milk Club was asked to endorse the Sexual Minority Refuge Resolution on March 26, but the Club endorsed only the *concept* of queer sanctuary at that meeting. Full endorsement of the resolution by the general membership came on April 23.

According to Queer Nation member Jonathan Katz, who participated in drafting the resolution, "It is visionary... It seems to me a purpose of the legislation is not to reflect the status quo, but to lead, and as such I want to see provisions in that document that will make San Francisco lead in terms of a sanctuary for persecuted groups." The resolution included a wish list. The wish list included everything from a condemnation of the federal government's refusal to recognize domestic partners for immigration purposes, declarations that the City not cooperate with extradition proceedings against queer foreign citizens, to protection for individuals under threat of extradition for sodomy in other states.

In the process of drafting the resolution, Katz and other members of Queer Nation contacted by *SF Bay Times* stressed that people of color *within* Queer Nation were involved in drafting the legislation. They say Queer Nation had sent out letters to over 100 gay/lesbian and civil rights groups, but had only gotten two replies—one was an endorsement from the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador and a polite expression of non-interest from the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA).

Critics of the resolution charge that it was inherently flawed and say that neither they nor any of the other immigration rights groups or civil rights groups that work on immigration issues were contacted by Queer Nation. Visionary is not how the resolution came across to Ignatius Bau, an attorney specializing in immigrants' rights and a member of GAPA, and Kerrington Osborne, outreach coordinator for the AIDS Legal Referral Panel and a member of the Black Caucus. Osborne says the legislation "put specific language in that we felt would have disproportionate impact on people of color, but [did not] then include those people of color in the drafting process or later allow for input."

Osborne charges the resolution was a classic example of how politics as usual is carried out in the gay/lesbian community. "Decisions are made by insular groups. An agenda is set and then it is presented to the community as if this is *the* issue; it is about gay/lesbian liberation and we will all jump behind it."

When the issue came up for approval at the Milk Club in March, Brandy Moore, a member of the Black Caucus and a long-time community activist and Agnos supporter, fumed that it was presented as a "done deal." He says, "The word from...Britt's office was, 'You should trust us that we could write this resolution and have everyone's interests in mind.' Our response was, following the history of white males in this country there is no reason to even trust you when you say, 'Good Morning'!"

Katz retorts that politics, not the inclusion of people of color, is the issue and that racism is just a smoke screen being thrown up to hide the real political agenda. "We have been doing an elaborate dance in which the real tune has never been sung, and that tune is mayoral politics. Cut and dried, [Agnos] does not want this [Queer Sanctuary Resolution] to go forward in an election year, because he does not want to be seen as King of the Queers. He wants it stopped."

That is not how Karl Knapper of United Colors of Queer Nation sees it. He attended the Milk Club meeting where the sanctuary resolution was discussed. At first he did not understand why the Black Caucus was so upset. Then he says he realized it was less about Queer Sanctuary and more about the Black Caucus members feeling they were having the issue crammed down their throats. The charge—that only Agnos supporters are alleging racism—is in itself racist, says Knapper. He says the people suggesting that "are implying they are poor, innocent white people who are being accused of racism. They have changed the discussion of racism to who is manipulating who, and it is de-emphasizing the issue of race."

According to Pam David, the division between racist and anti-racist is not necessarily tied to who one supports in the election. She also says that the Black Caucus felt the Sanctuary issue was forced on them and, "that is what pushed a lot of them into Agnos' arms."

EMERGING POWER BASES?

If there is one thing everyone agrees on in the conflict, it is that racism and sexism are important issues that the gay/lesbian community must grapple with. Unfortunately, the issue of the mayoral race has become an integral part of that debate. "I do think racism and sexism are being used by both sides," notes Jeanette Lazam. "I am not happy about that; if you are going to take up the subject of racism and sexism you had better take it up square."

Lazam is worried about the result of all the in-

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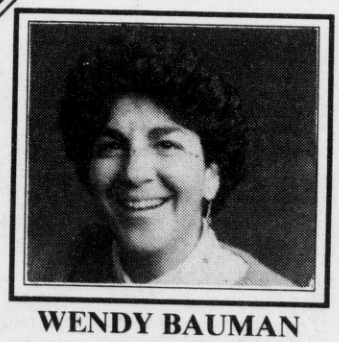

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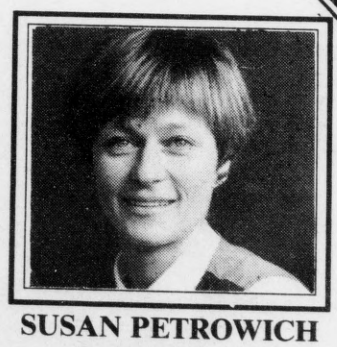

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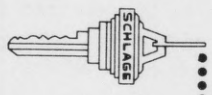

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Playing Politics with Appointments

SF Community College Assignments Draw Fire

BY VAL C. PHOENIX

A shake-up in the San Francisco Community College District has resulted in the ouster of the only out lesbian of color, Dr. Juanita Owens, and the appointments of several new campus administrators with personal and political ties to the Chancellor, Board members and politicians.

Chancellor Evan S. Dobelle has drawn fire from members of the lesbian and gay community, as well as communities of color, who allege that Dobelle has appointed a number of administrators with little relevant experience and questionable personal or political connections. Activists Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon are charging "politics and lesbophobia" in Owens' case and are vowing to fight to have her ouster overturned.

Critics blasted the Community College Board at its July 25 meeting, deriding its "hands off" policy as a cover for some nasty backroom politicking to ensure the selection of favorites. "It is very apparent some major meddling did take place" by the Board in the appointments, said Del Martin. Sam Murray of the New Bayview Committee thundered at Board member Bill Marquis, "Either you do something [about the accusations] or you will have to leave!" Murray said the Bayview community is ready to protest in the streets over the treatment accorded to Owens and other administrators of color.

Juanita Owens is feeling a bit bruised. She was the first administrator in the District to come out—10 years ago, when it wasn't fashionable. She has spent 17 years in the district, the last 10 as an administrator, and had been Acting Director of the Southeast Campus since 1990.

"I am not happy about the manner in which I've been treated," says Owens, who found out she had been removed via a message on her answering machine. She later read in the press that she had been offered a co-directorship at another campus, but no one at the college has contacted her directly about it. Then at the July 25th board meeting, the Chancellor said Owens would be "responsible for vocational education" next year and that he hoped she would have a full-time position after that.

Owens is still not certain of her title, however. "Basically, in my opinion, I am out. I've been put on a temporary assignment that has not been explained to me... I have no idea where I'm at. I'm waiting for someone to tell me," she said.

"After 17 years of exemplary service to the college district, Juanita has been treated with disrespect, personally and professionally," Phyllis Lyon charges. "There is no question about Juanita's competence. What is the issue? We can only surmise it is politics." Lyon had earlier sent the Chancellor a letter questioning whether his treatment of Owens was due to lesbophobia.

REVAMPING THE DISTRICT

At the center of the dispute is the complete revamping of the College District, a district which includes City College of San Francisco and numerous campuses and centers, and serves about 70,000 students. In response to an unfavorable Accreditation Report in 1988, the board hired Strategic Planning Associates to evaluate the district's structure. Their report was given to RISC (Reorganization Implementation Steering Committee), a committee composed of faculty, administrators, students and classified staff, which studied the conclusions and recommended the changes that the Board adopted at its May 23 meeting.

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Dr. Juanita Owens, the only out lesbian of color in the upper echelons of SF Community College administration, has been removed from her job in a campus reorganization.

These changes included consolidating three divisions of the district into one and paring the number of administrators from 71 to 46, while requiring all administrators to reapply for the "new" positions.

At the Board's June 27 meeting, the 46 new appointees were approved for one-year assignments. For many of those not selected, a list of names posted outside the hall was how they first learned of their demotions. It was not a pleasant scene, says Jo Daly, former Police Commissioner and longtime activist. "People were crying and throwing up in the parking lot. A lot of people lost their jobs."

Others fared better. Among those appointed were Judy Teng, sister of Board President Mabel Teng; Darryl Cox, former assistant to Supervisor Willie Kennedy; Frank Chong, former assistant to Assembly Speaker Willie Brown and Dale Shimasaki, former chief consultant to Brown.

When *SF Bay Times* attempted to review the resumes of the new appointees, the college stonewalled. On July 19, this reporter was told by the public information office that the resumes were "not open for everyone to look at," and was offered summaries instead. Minutes later, the Chancellor's office said that "some appointees have objected to having their resumes made public." Later that afternoon, the Chancellor declared, "The resumes are available without phone numbers—I don't see what the problem is." The resumes were finally released to the *SF Bay Times* on July 24 and made publicly available at the July 25 meeting.

WHO'S IN CHARGE?

Criticism of the appointments has been laid at the feet of Chancellor Dobelle, who had responsibility for screening and interviewing the candidates. The Board had scrapped the old selection process at the May 23 meeting, giving sole authority for the appointments to the Chancellor. According to Board member Robert Burton, "He didn't ask for it. We gave it to him."

Observers criticized this transfer of power as an abdication of the Board's responsibility. Daly says the Board "didn't want to take the political heat" for the reorganization. "I am concerned when such a major change occurs and our elected officials aren't taking an active role." Board member Marquis defended the new procedure, saying it was "standard practice that you should delegate to the chief educational officer those responsibilities."

"That much power should not be in anyone's hands ever," counters Lulann McGriff, director for the Northern California branch of the NAACP and an academic counselor at the college. "That's why the Board is there, so you have checks and balances." Burton, however, disagrees: "It was not an abdication of our responsibility. We gave him one year to do it. We felt a change had to be made, and it had to be made rapidly. The only accomplishments of new Chancellors come in the first six months." Dobelle has been Chancellor since November 1, 1990.

McGriff also disputes the claim that the Chancellor did not request the hiring powers, citing a May meeting of the Academic Senate of City College at which Dobelle is alleged to have suggested what McGriff calls a "Let's Make a Deal: 'You can have the opportunity to hire who you want for faculty and I want the opportunity to hire who I want for administrators.' He wanted sole propri-

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etorship of certain slots, like Student Services Vice Chancellor, which he said did not impact on the faculty. I disagreed." In the end, the Academic Senate declined to even observe the interviews. Dobelle, however, claims several segments of the college community urged he take control of the hiring.

The public relations office of the District has been working overtime to present the appointments as being in the best interests of the college and community, attempting to appease any dissatisfied elements. Donna Mooney, public information spokesperson, put out a press release, dated July 12, touting the "four talented and visionary individuals who are members of gay and lesbian community" who had been appointed to "key administrative positions."

Mooney is acting as Dobelle's point person for the lesbian and gay community, much to the chagrin of Del Martin, who feels Mooney is being used by Dobelle to curry favor with the community. Martin objects to the stress on percentages of representation—the mythical "10 percent"—noting at the July 25 Board meeting that "four of 46 is only 8.7 percent." She commented, "It is distressing to see Donna Mooney, a publicity officer for City College and a lesbian, brag that three gay men and one lesbian have been named to key positions and defend the Chancellor's demotion of Dr. Juanita Owens, the first and only lesbian of color City College administrator."

Mooney appeared taken aback by this charge, but stated, "I guess my response is these are two women [Martin and Lyon] who have done a lot for the lesbian and gay community, and I would be honored to meet them. As to the allegations the Chancellor is homophobic, I think that's untrue." She later got a statement from the Chancellor to the effect that, "I would question whether any prior Public Information Office would even have thought to recognize gays and lesbians at the college."

PROCESS AND POLITICS

The selection process Dobelle used differs sharply from the previous process, which involved many more people. McGriff, who applied for an administrative position to observe the process, explained: "Usually there's an application form designating race, and then there's a paper screening to determine minimum qualifications. A tripartite committee made up of faculty, administration and students looks at the applications, and candidates are invited in for interviews. Then one to three candidates are sent forward to be interviewed by the President and cabinet." As a result of the May 23 resolution, the tripartite committee was scrapped, leaving the interviews to the Chancellor, Personnel Director and Affirmative Action Officer. McGriff said that at her interview, the Personnel Director and Affirmative Action Officer asked maybe one question each, with the main body of the interview conducted by the Chancellor.

Dobelle says of his selection criteria: "People I hire have a passion for education." The hiring represents a "pure meritocracy" from a "diverse pool of applicants." McGriff counters, "It is infuriating to see people with Ph.D.s demoted." She added that the NAACP had requested the resumes of the administrative candidates but had received no response. The stack available at the July 25 meeting was incomplete for their needs.

The results of the hiring process were the names of 46 administrators, some strangely familiar to seasoned observers, others seemingly unsuited to their positions. Del Martin queried "Darryl Cox? What's he doing in there?" An anonymous observer termed Cox "an old political hack." McGriff stated, "Bernice Brown held a fundraiser for Marquis' campaign. Did Mabel Teng vote on her sister's appointment? That's nepotism at its height."

Questions were also raised about twenty-something Laurie Rose, appointed administrative dean of the downtown campus, who Chancellor Dobelle acknowledges is an old family friend; and about Stephanie Galinson, appointed to the Chancellor's staff, said to be a friend of both Rose and Frederic Sonneberg, who is reportedly a political colleague of Wolfred's.

Roger Scott, a San Francisco resident, addressed the Board on July 25, saying, "It is my understanding that some of you negotiated over some positions. That's very sad if that happened." No one on the Board responded, but the Chancellor replied, "You cannot say those things. No one negotiated positions...It didn't happen."

Questioned earlier about the Board's role in the appointments, Burton said, "We decided not to second guess the Chancellor on this first round. Nobody was 100 percent happy with the list. Mabel Teng's sister has 15 or so years in the district. She had no conflict of interest." Teng did not return calls from *SF Bay Times*. Marquis declared, "To my knowledge there was no Board involvement in the hiring." Wolfred said, "It gets a bit nasty to say this person or that person should not have been hired. If you look at the pool, all communities were represented: people of color, lesbian and gay. He did a good job ending up with the population of the city."

Wolfred, the only gay person on the seven member board, has come under fire for not stepping in to advocate for Owens. Martin said, "The names went to the Board. Where was he?" Daly said, "I'm very disappointed in Tim Wolfred. I don't believe he's been communicating." Martin was more blunt: "What's he been doing? I don't think he's been a good advocate for lesbians."

Wolfred explained that he felt it would be "improper or unethical interference" to advocate for greater lesbian or gay representation, considering that four appointments had been made. If none of the appointments had been lesbian or gay "I would raise a stink." Martin sniffed, "He's being snowed by Dobelle with the 10 percent. We're not going to be dazzled by the 10 percent, because we don't know who they are. We know [Owens is] very competent and respected by people in the community."

Dobelle said of Cox, whose title is Student Services Dean, Student Activities: "His political background is an enormous plus. In a community college, there is a critical need for external relations with the community [and] nonprofits. We had nobody who understood how to deal with City Hall [and] Sacramento. Some highly credentialed people had governmental backgrounds."

Dobelle had similar praise for Chong and Shimasaki ("How could you get a more superior candidate?") and declared, "I'm not defensive about this at all. Education is very political. Politics is not something that is external to education. Academic politics is far more murderous than any other politics."

Cox declined to comment on his appointment, and Shimasaki and Chong did not return phone calls. As for Rose, Dobelle said, "I've known her family for a number of years. She has the ideal external background for downtown."

THE SOUTHEAST CAMPUS AND JUANITA OWENS

The Southeast campus, where Juanita Owens served as Acting Director, is in the mostly African American Bayview-Hunters Point area, and serves approximately 1,550 students. The building was constructed in response to litigation and local demands, and there is a sense of fierce possessiveness that comes from a rare instance of community ownership. Sam Murray, President of the New Bayview Committee, says, "They built the building as a concession for the sewage plant [expansion in the 1970s]. It was a bargaining process."

The Southeast Facilities Commission, which is appointed by the Mayor, oversees the campus and acts as landlord for the building. Espanola Jackson, who sat on the commission for two-and-one-half years, noted the building "belongs to the community, not the college district" which leases it. People in the community have been struggling over the years to develop a program at Southeast that meets their needs.

"The college had been in limbo until Dr. Owens took over. It seems like whenever someone comes into the African community and does something to help the community help themselves, someone comes along and changes it," Murray says. He sees Owens' departure as the latest in a series of political moves that are "sabotaging the community. If you look at the city—*who* has the toxics, raw sewage, highest rate of unemployment

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Touchy, Touchy:
Gay Men and Their Roaming Hands

BY DAVE FORD

It's 1978, I'm 21, and I'm freaking out. The Stud—the *old* Stud—is jammed and jammin': drag queens and punks and college students swirl and flounce and dance around the central bar. It'd all be so much fun, if these *hands* would quit grabbin' my *crotch* all the time.

But I'm sure—*sure*—there's something wrong with *me* for not liking this attention. After all, I'm gay, and being gay is about being sexual—and sexualized. Right? At least that's the message I get. So not only do I not decline these unsolicited touches (I wouldn't know how, anyway), but I feel bad for not loving them.

This memory surfaced when I talked to a couple of younger friends recently about how some older men today unceremoniously grab, rub and pinch my friends, at bars, at the gym, at sex clubs.

So I got to thinking. Then I informally interviewed a few friends. What follows is a quasi-representative sampling of how some gay men feel about the explosive issue of intergenerational touch. It's by no means comprehensive on any front; consider it a discussion kickstart.

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RUB-A-DUB-DUB: NO PICNIC

Seventies gay liberation flourished in bedrooms and parks and at the baths: We fucked, therefore we existed. We'd been politically, emotionally and sexually repressed long enough; "sexual freedom" became every gay man's fundamental right. That ultimately led to confusion, however, about who could touch whom, and when and how—especially between older and younger men.

"Just because you wanted to express this newfound sexuality didn't mean you wanted it exploited," says David, 29, a freelance writer.

Amidst all this sperm-blasting, however, some young men found what appeared to be a sense of real connection.

"I'm a child of the bath age," says Bert, now an artist in his mid-30s. "I figured the more I was touched, the more I was liked. It was very easy: one look, and you were validated."

The lessons older gays brought to late '70s sexuality traced back to their own early lessons—and those of their forebears.

"Touch parameters in the '40s and '50s were based on a stand-offish WASP model," says George, 68, a service provider for gay seniors. "Gay men literally could be thrown in jail for putting an arm around somebody in a bar. It was called 'vague lewd.' I don't think you forget that fear."

"I don't mean to sound ageist," adds David, "but in the late '70s and early '80s, the generation of men who would hit on young guys came of age in a time when all sexual encounters were furtive. So when they finally got around to being with the desired sexual partners, they just grabbed it. These older men would see these cute young things who were being raised in another generation, who were saying, 'Sex is legal; I can have it when I want it.' Whereas these older men were saying, 'I have to take this now.'"

LAUGH LINES, GRAYING HAIR = PERMISSION?

Somewhere in there, the line between friendly touch and sexualized touch (especially between the generations) blurred—and it's not much clearer today.

"If you did touch someone in the '40s and '50s, it was seen as a sexual advance, both in society's eyes and in the eyes of the gay community," says George. "So this is one thing that makes intergenerational relations so awkward. For a younger gay man, certain touch between him and his friends is friendly. But to the senior man it may look sexual."

David, a sex club habitue, notes that at places where men meet for sex in the '90s, "Generally, it's still older men who go up and touch younger men who haven't asked them to."

It's a sad indictment of our community that most younger gays today have experienced some kind of intrusive touch. Ryan, an 18-year-old UC Berkeley student, relates that recently, a thirtyish stranger at the Cafe Flore rubbed Ryan's burr-cut hair, made a lame joke, then walked away. At the gym the next day, the man apologized. Unlike a lot of gay men, who for whatever reason are incapable of asserting themselves, Ryan read the man the riot act.

"I told him, 'I thought what you did was really disrespectful and inappropriate,'" Ryan remembers. He further scolded the man for taking liberties based on Ryan's age.

"It was clear that I was threatening to that guy because I'm young and relatively together or whatever," Ryan says. "When I talk to older guys, it revolves around how they wish they could have been so together when they were my age. All these inverted compliments are really about their own insecurities. This is usually accompanied by overt forms of physical domination: leaning in, breaking my space."

Ryan says he's never seen, say, a 35-year-old approach a stranger who's an age peer and just rub his head.

"It's an absurd thought," he snaps. "It doesn't happen."

It's also absurd, but true, that younger gays are still fair game in bars.

"If I'm in a really crowded bar," says Danny, 16 (who laughs and acknowledges he's not supposed to be there in the first place), "I don't know who's grabbing or touching me, so I guess they feel it's okay to do it. I want to turn around and hit somebody, and I don't know who to hit!"

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"Being young, people feel they have to control and dominate you," Ryan adds. "Especially in the gay subculture where youth is a totally sexualized and eroticized category. You immediately have to be situated in those terms."

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My early Stud ordeals made me an ardent and sympathetic feminist: Suddenly, I empathetically understood the kinds of violations women constantly experience. Subsequently I've begun to understand that my inability to protect myself mirrored the plight of many women. I'm not the only man who feels this way.

"I've always been told I have a cute butt," says David, "so when I went dancing as a younger man, I'd wear something to show it off. But that didn't mean I wanted men to come up to me, without even saying hi, and pinch it. It's like a straight man pinching a woman's breast in an elevator. I began to understand women who'd say, 'Just because I dress a certain way doesn't mean I want you to touch me.'"

"When I go dancing and take my shirt off, men often feel like that's a free ticket to feel me up," says Ryan. "I think that's bullshit. I can dress whatever the fuck way I want. I don't need to apologize for being an exhibitionist. Regardless of what I'm wearing, I always retain, and I should always be afforded, authority over my own body.

"My look may read 'sex,'" he adds, "but to say I'm 'asking' to be touched is simply blaming the victim—like the woman who's 'asking for it' because her skirt was too short. Male aggression and male dominance is directed toward men as well as women. I'm uncomfortable comparing those two—it's important you put that in your story. But male aggression in the gay male community is a lively presence; when a man exploits a power difference such as being older or larger than another man, though it may not be based on gender, it is a form of sexism."

"I got really angry when George Bush kissed that woman cadet at West Point recently," David says. "Here was the commander in chief kissing a member of the armed forces—*because she was a woman.* He wouldn't have, if she'd been a man. The same thing is true between men in San Francisco: People take liberties with each other because they're used to doing it, and no one tells them to stop."

HITTING WHEN YOU'RE HIT ON

Thinking all this through, I've had to acknowledge that I occasionally break peoples' personal space when I want something—especially sex. What, then, constitutes uncomfortable touch?

"I hate being touched by people I don't know," says Danny. "If it's someone I want to touch me and I want to touch back, then I feel comfortable with it. If not, it turns me off."

"I get hit on a lot," says "Jon," 20, a student who is classically handsome. "When I walk around the Castro, I avoid eye contact. The attention can be intrusive. I always wear baggy clothes, too. If I don't want to be treated like an object, why put myself out as one?"

Although Jon is tall, strangers trivialize retaliatory threats: "One time, this drunk guy in his early 30s was rubbing everyone's crotch in this bar. When he touched mine I slapped his hand away, and told him I was going to hit him if he touched me again. He thought I was joking with him."

Because Ryan, the UCB student, is short (though buffed), he doesn't have the luxury of unquestioned physical retaliation. Recently, he was standing at a dance club bar, shirtless and with his jeans half unbuttoned. A man taller and older than he pinched Ryan's nipple, then later reached down Ryan's pants and squeezed his butt.

"So I hit him," Ryan says. "But I was genuinely scared. I thought, 'This guy could really hurt me; he's bigger than I am.' The risks involved in our actions were totally different."

"DON'T TOUCH ME THERE"

I know I'm just now learning how to tell others how and when I want to be touched. Why's it so hard for some of us to say "no"?

"We have no gay role models," says David. "Straight society has made us think our identification is *purely sexual*—that we must accept all comers. A good part of gay society reflects that, too. Our identification may be about 'I can fuck and be fucked,' but there isn't the concurrent statement, 'When and where I want to.'

David, who hails from Richmond, Virginia, says that as a young man, "I thought that since there are no rules, these must be the rules. I also thought that since I was so young, I couldn't be in control of the situation. Men would come up and pinch my butt. Being a good southern boy, I thought, 'Either give it up, or don't; but don't tease.' I'd want to meet them, even though they'd done something I didn't like. So I'd let them pinch. I thought that was the way you met people. It wasn't till I moved to San Francisco that I learned that there was a polite way to say 'no.'

He suggests, not improbably, that the problem is cultural.

"It's something fundamentally skewed about gay culture," he says. "You can be as sexual as you want, but intruding on someone's space without permission is just plain rude."

"I'm actually intrigued by guys who say, 'Don't touch me there; that doesn't feel right,'" says Bert. "It's almost more sexy than someone saying, 'Here I am, baby—do as you wish.' There's mystery and intelligence behind boundaries—*and* dignity and self-respect."

"I'd never tell anyone not to touch me," says Danny. Then he thinks a moment. "Maybe I should learn how. I think I'll practice doing that."

TRY IT WITH, SAY, A FEATHER

Okay. We know what doesn't feel good. So when does touch feel safe?

"I'm more inclined to hug men older than me," says Bert, the artist. "But a guy my age or younger, I'm a little more tentative."

At the sex club he frequents, David says, "There are a couple of regulars who make it a point of touching *every single man in the place.* They're both very attractive, and they're party starters. We're glad when they're there. One, who's 19 or 20, is just breathtaking. One night, there were, like, five men touching this guy at once. It was extremely erotic. But it was clear that this was his thing. He'd invited them in; he was in control."

Jon says he feels comfortable touching another man "after I get signals that it's okay: a hand on the shoulder, or on the leg. I don't usually go for the torso because that's initiating sex."

"If I'm attracted to someone, being touched feels good," says Danny. "It makes me feel liked and wanted. I feel reassured that there's nothing wrong with me."

During consensual sex, Danny says, "it makes me feel a lot more comfortable if the person is touching me. Not necessarily sexually, but just kind of touching me and holding me. A lot of people have sex where there's not a lot of touching to it. That can be kind of seedy, and nonloving. Touch makes it more emotional to me."

"BOUNDARIES" DON'T JUST SEPARATE NATIONS

"More emotional?" Could we be hinting at—gasp—*intimacy?* Perhaps. But that's another essay. For now, note some changes.

"I have boundaries now," Jon says. "Before, I was always using sexuality to get what I wanted—drugs and money and attention. Now I'm learning how to live my life."

Adds Bert: "I think going to 12-step meetings and hearing about boundaries and knowing that I had none helped me learn to establish them. Where I used to just automatically hug somebody, now I give it some thought, instead of just throwing myself into that person's arms, or allowing them to throw themselves into my arms.

"When you consider formality of social behavior, of not touching right away, what you have to consider is that good manners are the oil of life," says George, the service provider for gay seniors. "It prevents people from going at each other with clubs. But the ultimate extension of that formality is no touch at all—don't be honest, don't register emotions."

Which, of course, is the unattractive extreme. Perhaps we simply need to learn to keep our hands to ourselves, unless we're invited to do otherwise.

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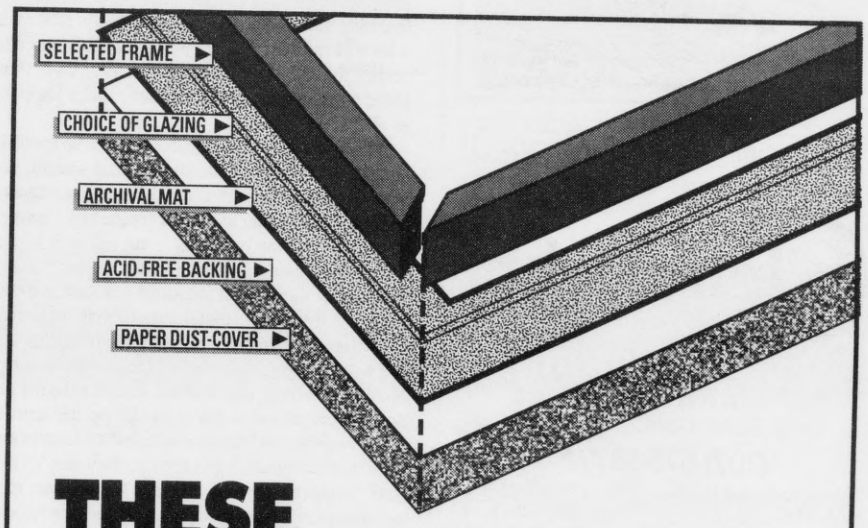

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The Other Side of Sexual Assault:
When a Woman is Raped by a Woman

BY VICTORIA A. BROWNWORTH

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"We really have to begin reporting incidents of violence against us. We really have to recognize that we don't simply have to take all this violence, that is has to be a part of our lives."
—Jill Tregor, CUAV

When Laura Shapiro was sexually assaulted by her date last spring, she called the local rape crisis center in her city for help. The woman who counseled her urged Shapiro to contact the police and press charges against the date and said she should be examined in the local emergency room that handles rape cases. But when Laura haltingly explained that her attacker had been another woman the counselor became angry and hostile, accused Shapiro of wasting the valuable time of the crisis hotline, made some homophobic remarks and hung up.

"She told me that there was no such thing as rape between women—that it was a power crime between men and women," recounts Shapiro. "Then she said if I'd had a fight with my girlfriend this was not the way to deal with it—that women who had been *raped* needed her help and that it was really fucked up of me to take up her time with a domestic problem." Shapiro did not report the incident to anyone else. She saw her gynecologist, who noted that she had sustained some vaginal tears, but did not ask how they had been received. Since the incident, Shapiro has not been able to be sexually intimate with other women, and one of her close friends is now dating her attacker.

As in the issue of lesbian battering and lesbian-to-lesbian domestic violence, there is considerable resistance to the idea that lesbian sexual assault can occur. "I think that there is this feminist standard that women don't hurt other women," said Mary Allen, coordinator of Lesbian Advocacy and Lesbian Battering Intervention at the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women in St. Paul, Minnesota. "There is a set of values that goes with feminism that says that men are the perpetrators, that men have the power and that men are the ones who will hurt us. It is very painful for women to realize that other women can hurt us as well. And some women would prefer to deny that it happens at all."

Allen said the Coalition does not have specific statistics on lesbian-to-lesbian sexual assault, but does receive calls regarding lesbian battering and believes that sexual assault is frequently "part of the whole lesbian battering issue just as it is part of battering in heterosexual relationships." Allen thinks that there is tremendous resistance to the concept of lesbian sexual assault and battering, however, and that the "male authority system and the police" reinforce that. "One of the reasons lesbian battering and lesbian sexual assaults are so underreported is because the police tend to view violence as part of the lesbian lifestyle and they don't include it in reports, they don't view it as 'important.' And lesbians themselves tend not to report because they don't believe anything can be done."

Jeanie Morrow, Director of Crisis and Volunteer Services at San Francisco's W.O.M.A.N., Inc. (Women Organized to Make Abuse Nonexistent), which deals specifically with women victims of battering and violence, says that lesbians can get restraining orders against other women who assault them, just as heterosexual women can. "It depends on what the laws are in your area, of course," says Morrow. "Some cities and states still don't offer protections to *heterosexual* women. And San Francisco is more enlightened than Iowa in this regard, but women can do it and should."

Morrow believes that the numbers haven't been collected on the incidence of lesbian-to-lesbian sexual assault, but believes it is "at least as prevalent as sexual assaults in heterosexual battering relationships. There is this belief that feminists don't batter, but that just isn't true. And when women are forced into nonconsensual sex or guilted into it by a partner, lover or date, then that is sexual assault—that is how we define it. It is the same as in heterosexual sexual assault, but it is far more underreported."

Experts in the area of rape crisis and lesbian battering say that underreporting of lesbian-to-lesbian crimes of violence, including sexual assault, is due to a variety of factors. "The most common reason, of course, is homophobia," says Jill Tregor of Community United Against Violence (CUAV). "And as women, lesbians are conditioned to violence. In our surveys on violence against lesbians, only 15 percent had ever reported attacks against them to anyone. The single most common reason is they didn't see the incident as serious enough. Now these incidents included injuries. So if lesbians don't report violence against them by men or strangers, are they likely to report violence against them by other women that they know or even live with? It's doubtful. Women are accustomed to believing that they don't have rights and they don't have access to resources to help them through the system. [At CUAV] we have services for victims of male-to-male domestic violence, but not for lesbian battering. It's a struggle to reach out to women, even though there are more women working here."

SHROUDED IN SILENCE

Janet Grant was repeatedly sexually assaulted by her partner of 10 years as their relationship became more violent. "I didn't realize when we first got involved that she was a batterer. I don't think I realized it until we had been together for about six years. Women don't *talk* about other women hitting them. It's like it doesn't happen. And if you think you're the only one this is happening to, you don't speak up. Or maybe you think, because nobody talks about it, this is the way it is with all women."

Grant's lover routinely coerced her into sex after they had had a fight in which Grant had been beaten. "She would say to me, 'Let me show you how sorry I am. Let me make you feel better.' And if I didn't let her, then the fight would start up again; she would tell me that I was the one who made things bad between us."

For Grant, telling someone else about the assaults was "impossible. My family is Latino. They aren't very happy about my being a lesbian. And my lover was a Black woman, and they weren't very happy about that either. I know what they would have said—that it was because she was Black or that this is what being a lesbian meant. And even though I know my cousin's husband beats her regularly and my sister's boyfriend used to hit her—it's not the same, you know?"

Morrow insists that such assaults *are* the same as their heterosexual counterparts and sees real danger in attributing different qualities to lesbian-to-lesbian assault. "The issues of power and control are what are at the root of lesbian battering and lesbian sexual assault. And those issues are

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the same in lesbian relationships. There *are* special problems for lesbians in these situations, but those have to do with the denial of society and our own community about how and why these things happen, not about the *fact* of them happening.''

In some communities across the United States, and in a variety of lesbian-feminist writing, a link has been drawn between lesbian S/M and lesbian battering. Women who are against S/M are vocal on this point, but Morrow and others dispute this. ''It may sound contradictory,'' says Morrow, ''but I believe that there are women who can have an S/M relationship that isn't abusive. I'm not saying that there aren't S/M relationships that are abusive—obviously there are. But I think that some women, some feminists, use that argument as an excuse to say that lesbian battering and sexual assaults don't happen to 'nice' lesbians. It's like saying alcohol causes battering or drugs cause it. These are factors, not causes. The need for power and control over another woman against her will is what causes lesbian battering and assault—nothing else.''

When Barbara Livingston was sexually assaulted by a friend of her sister's, her first response was shock. ''I guess I was pretty naive. I was only 22 and I had just come out. My sister had introduced me to some lesbian friends she had, and Linda and I went out together a couple of times. One night after we had been out dancing she invited me back to her apartment. I really thought it would be okay—I mean, I *never* would have gone back to a guy's apartment, but I didn't think twice about going to another woman's place.

''Almost as soon as we got there she was saying how much she liked me, and how much she wanted to be the first one to have sex with me, and how she wanted to show me what it was like,'' continues Livingston. ''I told her I liked her too—and I did—but that I just wasn't ready for that yet. Well, we kissed for a while and we danced in her apartment, and then she started to try and unbutton my shirt and I said no, I wanted to leave. Then she slapped me and told me I was a tease.

''It was kind of classic—the kind of things guys always say in those situations,'' says Livingston. ''Suddenly I was very frightened, very afraid. I said I had made a mistake, I must not be a lesbian after all because I didn't want to do this. And then she attacked me. It was pretty awful. But I didn't know who to tell, what to do. I guess I thought nobody would believe me. I wasn't even sure I believed it myself.''

GETTING HELP

There are few places across the country where women like Livingston *can* turn for help. In the majority of the U.S. cities with rape crisis centers, there are no services for lesbians who have been raped by men, let alone for lesbians who have been assaulted by other women.

''I see it the same way I see handicapped accessibility,'' said Chezia Carraway, director of the New York City Task Force for Sexual Assault. ''People think because they are sensitive to the issue, that that's the same thing as providing services. And of course it's not. There is still a lot of homophobia out there, and it is there as much in feminist rape crisis centers as it is elsewhere. It's something we really have to struggle with, really have to work on. When there aren't enough services for heterosexual women, there certainly aren't going to be enough services for lesbians. And just because a rape crisis counselor has been trained to not be homophobic in her response to a rape victim/survivor doesn't mean that everyone else isn't going to be homophobic in their response to that woman. And if we aren't providing an *environment* where lesbians feel they can come forward and be taken care of, then it isn't going to happen and those women are not going to get the services that they need.''

That was the case for Shapiro. ''I assumed that if I was raped—which I was—then I should call the rape crisis center and they would help me. If you think it is traumatic to be raped by a man, let me tell you it is just as traumatic, if not more so, to be raped by another woman. I think that every woman knows that any man is capable of being a rapist. We know what the statistics are, we know that we have to be wary. But we don't think of women as people we have to be afraid of, people we can't trust. I wonder if I will ever be able to be intimate with a woman ever again after this experience which I feel was made a thousand times worse by the response I received from the hotline counselor.''

Morrow believes that there are too few services for lesbian victim/survivors of battering and sexual assault. ''There's a lot of denial in the community—so it's harder to admit that these things have happened to you and it is much harder to get support. Survivors of domestic violence—gay or straight—tend to blame themselves. Survivors of rape tend to blame themselves. And if you think that there is no place where you are going to get the kind of specialized support that is required, then you are even more likely to blame yourself because there is no one to tell you otherwise.''

Roberta Hacker, executive director of Women in Transition, the nation's oldest continuing service for battered women, agrees. ''There's been very slow recognition of the special needs of lesbians in terms of domestic violence and in terms of sexual assault. The incidence of male-to-female violence is so great in our society, so pervasive and so awful, that we tend, even if we are feminists, to minimize the damage and pain suffered by women at the hands of other women. The only way to change that is to provide services exclusively for lesbians that are designed to deal with issues of homophobia within the system. We need to make women safe in this country and sometimes that means making them safe from other women.''

Not one of the rape crisis centers in the major cities of Philadelphia, New York, Los Angeles and Miami, polled for this article, provided services for lesbians. One director of education for a rape crisis center in a major city said that ''there aren't special issues for lesbians.'' Another acknowledged that there might be different issues but said there were no ways devised to address them. And a third stated that although it may be true that there were instances of intra-lesbian sexual assault, ''there's just no way you can equate that with what men can do to women. I just can't believe a woman could ever seriously injure another woman sexually in the ways men can.''

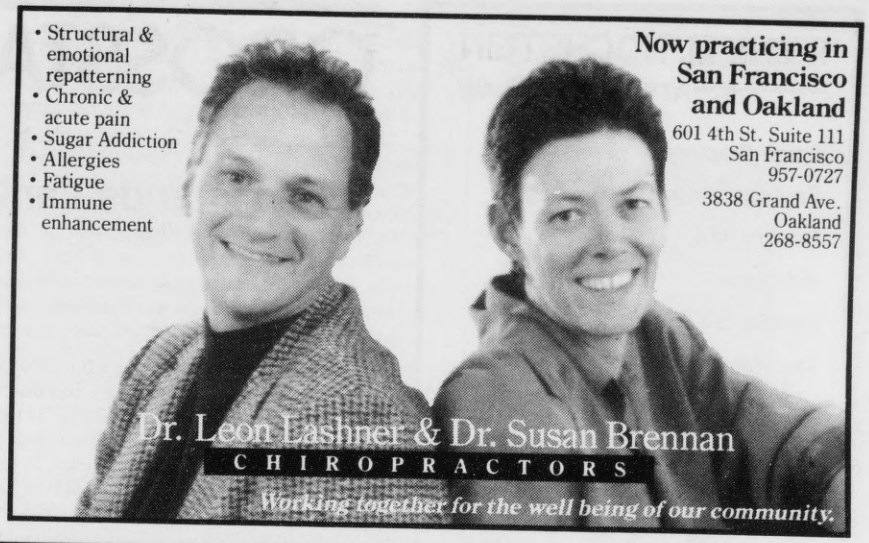
Morrow suggests that women look for particular signs in other women that might lead to violence. ''The biggest thing to watch for is jealousy. This is one of the major ways to tell that someone else can be violent with you, particularly if that jealousy is directed at you when there is no basis for it. Also look for violence toward objects. If your lover or girlfriend kicks the door or slams the door really hard or throws things, this is definitely a sign of impending physical violence.''

Other things to watch for, said Morrow, are feelings of ''being unsafe. If you don't feel safe then chances are that you aren't. Controlling behavior is another indicator, or someone blaming you for everything—when all the things that go wrong are your fault.''

Tregor said that breaking the silence is most important. ''We really have to begin reporting incidents of violence against us. We really have to recognize that we don't simply have to take all this violence, that it has to be a part of our lives.''

And Carraway notes that ''We can't compartmentalize the issues of 'women' and 'lesbians.' The more we saturate the community with the information that these things happen, the more we will be able to address what happens. The media tends to dictate what the issues are, and lesbians really don't rate very high on the media's list of priorities. So we have to force these issues out into the community, into the public eye. We have to force some accountability. Lesbians *are* women and need the services provided by women's agencies. And lesbians *are* gay and need the services provided by gay agencies. We can't pretend that only straight women and gay men are victims of violence. The first step toward stopping the violence is acknowledging that it exists.''

For referral and counseling services and other information, please contact CUAV (Community United Against Violence) at (415) 864-3112, or W.O.M.A.N. Inc. (Woman Organized To Make Abuse Nonexistent) at (415) 864-4722 (crisis) or 864-4777 (administrative office).



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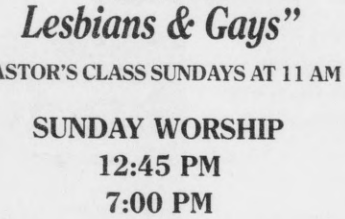

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Mark and Tom

1.

Los Angeles is coated with a thin, hazy cloud; the sun glitters off of buildings, tans the citizens through their lotions and sunblocks. In the hills, everything grows, every possible kind of flower or tree; the soil is rich, deep brown. In Los Angeles, life is only as good as the inside of your car.

2.

Last year, the first week in July, I drove down to L.A. because Tom had died. Mark was there, in their tiny Silver Lake house which was cluttered with medical supplies, smelled of baby powder and shit; he was terrified and furious, hysterical. They had been a couple for over 20 years. They both had AIDS. Tom became very sick, quickly, and Mark had bathed him, held his stick neck, fed him with a spoon. Finally, Mark was with him when he died, singing an old favorite song, crying; and was left there with barely the chance to grieve, for his own illness was progressing so rapidly. Now, a year later, Mark has died. I phoned Elaine in New York and she flew out. A friend of Mark's, Ron, was already in L.A., cleaning the house, waiting for us to come and help make decisions.

3.

The language for what so many of us have been experiencing through this last decade is not only inadequate—it's infuriating. There is agonizing grief, there is trauma caused by loss after loss, there is the undirected rage, fear, depression. But this all comes to sound like so many obituary paragraphs in the newspaper; everybody meant something to someone. Is it relevant to describe what kind of character Mark was—his talents, quirks, beliefs? I am deprived of my friend now, of course, but also somehow of his specialness; he is added to the quilt, he's another name I'll mutter at the annual AIDS vigil, an image of him will be in my mind if I ever have the energy again to march down Market Street chanting, raising a fist. That is the saddest aspect of the AIDS epidemic—the ones we love get ceded to the toll of the disaster and are denied their unique selves.

4.

I've seen enough of death now to recognize my own pattern: I get selfish. I want to grab a picture, a letter, a sweater, a hat. It's as though by possessing something, I will stay authentic within the incomprehensible reality. I'll have something of the experience beyond the rhetoric of my therapy sessions or the kindness of friends, who have been through all this themselves. It isn't that Mark has died—but that Mark is not here anymore and won't be, that he's gone, that I have no access to him.

Also with death, I get amazed. I remember when my grandparents died, all the relatives sat around their house in Oyster Bay, Long Island, dressed impeccably and eating cold cuts, telling stories about Martin and Rose. There was some crying, the mood was somber, low. And I thought: these cold cuts effectively prevent us from really reflecting on life and death... the hugeness of it all... the depth, the truth. (I'll admit, at that time in my life I was somewhat overly serious, and at that particular funeral I was tripping on acid.) But the profundity of the end of a person's life, my urge to find meaning in the process, is a genuine part of my temperament. With Mark's death comes a series of images, memories, big questions... not merely about him, but about me and us, this disease, this era.

5.

A few months ago Mark and I went to the health food store in Los Feliz. He weighed 90 pounds, was virtually covered with KS lesions and was taking fairly large doses of morphine. He plodded through the aisles, scrutinizing every item, tossing one or two into the basket which he would not let me carry for him. At the vitamin section, he sat down and put his head in his hands. We made it back to the car after an hour in the store and Mark started to complain about Judy, an old mutual friend, who had several times come out to visit from New York. "She keeps calling, she keeps leaving messages on the machine, that she's worried about me. Why won't she leave me alone?" Mark did not seem to understand that people in his life could be affected by his illness, and that people could not anticipate what he might need or want. Mark would not allow that his friends basically loved him and, basically, were doing the best they could.

"I guess I'm destined to just die alone," he said.

"It sure looks that way," I answered.

I remained for three more days. Mark got into bed and did not get out my entire visit. I stayed in the living room, all the windows and doors open for a heat wave had descended. I worked at the computer, watched old movies. Every hour or so, I would go into Mark's room to check on him; he existed in a peculiar, dangerous state between asleep and awake. His eyes were closed, but he would be talking, his fingers would be moving. A few times he cried out. He had bad dreams: That I was back on drugs, shooting heroin in the bathroom and lying to him. I stroked his head and told him that I was quite drug-free, it was only a dream, I was with him, I was not keeping anything from him. He dreamed my lover had flown down and we were having a fight. I assured him, no, Dan was back at home, we were doing just fine. He dreamed that I had left without saying goodbye. It was a sad, shocking part of the process, Mark so vulnerable, vividly imagining the most threatening scenarios.

A few weeks later, I went back to Los Angeles. In the meantime, Mark had found Harold, a delightful nurse in his mid-fifties, sweet and helpful, madly hooked on the soaps. When I went to see Mark, Harold was scurrying around, preparing herbal teas, getting food and juice. I just sat on the bed with Mark and talked; very clearly, the presence of Harold, whose *job* it was to take care of Mark, had lessened the pressure Mark felt with me. We laughed over a few things—and Mark commented that it had been over a year since he had laughed. We ate ice cream. By this time, he left his bed very seldom and was suffering with digestion and bowel problems (about which he spoke very graphically.)

I asked Mark how far he could go with this illness, how much could he endure? "I keep trying to figure that out, Bo. All I know is: I do the next thing that comes along. One day I'm bedridden, so I say, okay, now I'm bedridden. Then I'm wearing diapers because I can't control shitting, so I say, all right, I guess I'll live with diapers. Maybe next week I won't be able to talk, so I'll do that for a while." And when would it be too much, I wanted to know. "I can't say, I don't know. It's fascinating."

6.

It seems trivial (and not even accurate) to refer to Mark and Tom as my role models. They were long, constant friends. I always thought of them as family. I remember things they said as well as anything my parents ever said. I knew them my entire adult life and the roles they played changed many times. Tom taught me about film and art. Mark taught me about sex and art. I think we often learn from each other's experiences; I got to observe how these two lived, how they operated in the world. Tom's experience showed me how secretive, private and tormented a person can be. Mark said his life was an open book, and that he felt like a flower that needed sunlight, water and nothing more. Tom glided his way through normal society, with a desire to be accepted, talented with his smiles and handshakes. Mark always said that nothing and no one was too strange.

They did function as a model for me as a relationship. In my late teens, I suppose the significance of their relationship was that they were gay and had been together already some years; they indicated what was possible. But, as I grew older, gay relationships did not seem particularly novel to me, or very interesting. Fucking was interesting. Drugs were interesting. I guess somewhere in my 20s, Mark and Tom seemed a bit old hat. Older still, these last few years, what Mark and Tom shared intrigued me more than it ever had—and not due to their being gay or artists or the length of time they'd been together. For me, Mark and Tom represented hints of answers to questions about love, loyalty, acceptance, resentment. They felt enormous love for each other; each of them, also, had regrets, had been disappointed. This aspect of their relationship was endlessly fascinating to me—I studied it, I questioned them both. They had lived through jealousy and competition. They'd rejected and abandoned each other, hurt each other miserably. They also adored each other with such ease, knew each other so intimately, fit together like spoons in a drawer.

Tom was the filmmaker, the brilliant one, the teacher, the breadwinner. Mark was an artist, but

unsuccessful in all his endeavors, both professionally and personally. The relationship was formed by a dynamic of Tom taking care of Mark. Their famous story was that when they were lovers in college, Mark sat on a windowsill, crying hysterically, and stated that if Tom didn't love him, he'd jump. They had been together ever since. Leaving aside any analysis of co-dependency, etc., the basis of the construction they developed has always been compelling to me: Tom's dramatic moment of choice, Mark's declaration of his need, his insistence.

For everyone who knew Mark and Tom, the reversal of roles and needs at the end was a beautiful irony; now Mark was *literally* taking care of Tom, bathing him, feeding him, with a heroic energy you only find in those stories about a mother who, when her baby gets trapped under a truck, is able to lift it fully off the ground to make a rescue. Her body is perhaps normally incapable of such an action, and there are obviously sound scientific explanations of such an event. But the popular, romantic notion tells us the super-human strength comes from love—and it is mysterious, humbling, endless. I don't really know how Mark, himself already ravaged by two years of suffering with AIDS, was able to respond to Tom's helplessness; I only know it's what he needed most to do. Mark thought he and Tom would meet again some day.

Six months or so before Tom died, each of them, separately, told me they had performed a little ritual and forgiven each other for everything.

"Really?" I asked Mark, and he was emphatic.

"Really?" I asked Tom, and he gave a sly smile.

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So "role model" is an inadequate phrase for someone who hands you a gift, year after year, at every time in your life, whether you can understand the gift or not. The gift was a package of small clues, which I add to the other clues given me by other friends, about the sadness, beauty and complexity of love, about differences between people, about being invited in, included in someone else's life. Finally, they unwittingly taught me (as have so many of my friends) about illness and death.

Ron and Elaine and I were all gathered in the back yard, going through boxes of letters, photographs, journals. I started to get uncomfortable, irritated. It seemed to me there was an awful lot of talking about Tom—what Tom used to say, how Tom felt, Tom's films. I said: "See, this always used to happen. Tom was always the important one and Mark got shoved in the background. All the focus goes on Tom. Well, Tom's been dead a year. Mark *just* died! Why aren't we talking about Mark? This lament sobered my friends, somewhat; that Tom had become our subject at this time was so perfect, in an ironic sense. But, really, my outrage was slightly misplaced; I wasn't looking through dusty cardboard boxes for Mark or Tom nearly as much as I was looking for myself. The treasures were letters I had written them, pictures of all of us; the proof not that these two men once lived, but that they mattered to me and I to them... because with their passing, I'm afraid that will be lost.

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I reflected a lot, but rather peacefully, about Mark, Tom, time. I did become keenly aware of one aspect of the AIDS process: I have thought of Mark, these last couple of years, as extremely difficult, angry, unreachable. He has been a terribly difficult friend to have. Some of his friends turned away, their feelings hurt, their frustrations at the limit. I stuck with it—but that was not a heroic act, and I fully understood others' impulse to move away from Mark, to let him go his own course.

Being now in his house, alone at night, crickets clicking in the plum and lemon trees in Mark's beloved garden, I received some needed perspective, like a slap across the face. This trying, demanding, impossible Mark, surrounded by unfathomable grief and illness—(Mark was an extraordinarily blunt man, it was always the chief fact about him; he did not refer to his condition as "wasting away" but rather as "rotting.")—this character I knew in the last couple of years did not represent the whole story. Memories, sharper and clearer than the immediate ones of dirty sheets and bony knees, swept over me. I have known Mark 14 years. What a generous person he was, how patient he always was. How proud of every small success I had, and encouraging through my rougher times. How he pursued extremes, searched and explored. (Here I fear getting constrained by the obituary form.) The point is that these last years of my relationship with Mark were so relentlessly about desperation, fear, illness; but most of my life with Mark was about being such good friends.

9.

With Mark, I will always hold an image of his relentless, stubborn optimism, of urgency and bitterness. He believed wholeheartedly in alternative Chinese herbal therapies and saw his doctor two or three times a week. He was macrobiotic—though he formed an attachment to cream pies there for a while—and was studying to become Jewish. Maybe some people are accepting and serene, but Mark most certainly did not want to die.

Even so, he went fast. The guy next door told me: "Mark's fine. His spirit isn't even in the house anymore. Mark's doing just fine." I nodded and smiled, indulgent but disinterested in such talk. Then I realized how true it was—for someone who held on so tightly and for so long, when Mark did die, it was like an elegant vanishing... he was gone, there was no smell or mood or pain left lingering. I felt just fine being in Mark's house, among his things, for the last time.

10.

It's like the little boy who's deathly afraid to dive into a swimming pool; he agonizes, refuses, turns back; and finally, when he dives, his body makes a perfect, quiet, clean splash; and maybe it wasn't so bad after all.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

Racism in the Gay Community

This month, SF Bay Times presents a special forum on racism. We lead this section with an essay by Kerrigan Black, an African American poet and performer, who comments on the explosive debates that have recently divided our community. We trust this Forum will be useful to the on-going process of confronting racism within ourselves and our society. In that spirit, we present a diversity of viewpoints on the subject. Included in these letters is one—"Minority Bellyaching" by Robert Cole—that SF Bay Times finds particularly offensive. We have chosen to publish it because we suspect the author's opinion may well be shared by others. We invite our readers to respond to this and other letters and issues as they develop in the community.

BY KERRIGAN BLACK

In the July issue of *SF Bay Times*, I was struck immediately at how much of the writing dealt with racism in our community. While others may wish that this topic would just go away, I'm pleased that it is being discussed in such a forthright manner.

I read with interest Pati McDermott's excellent letter ("White Priorities"), Tim Kingston's article "Parade Committee Accused of Racism," and Nancy Caruso's letter ("Redheads in Denial"), and was struck by the similarities in each situation. As a Black gay man, raised in an integrated neighborhood, educated at excellent schools, working as a professional musician, and uninvolved in any of these stories, I think I can help provide some perspective.

I have found that Caucasians, in general, no matter how "liberal" they think they are, almost always think that racism is something "over there." If no names are called, if nothing flagrant happens, they tend to think that it is only in the mind of the accuser. They just "don't see any racism" as Caruso quotes one of the Redheads as saying. Despite the fact that we all were raised in this racist society, and most have learned what little they know of nonwhite people from the mainstream media, rarely will they look inward to see how their attitudes and perceptions may have been affected. This is what "unlearning racism" is about, and it is painful. But it is the only way progress will be made in this society. I am not afraid of the David Dukes and the hate groups. If they were the only ones who displayed racist behavior in this society, I would jump for joy. But it is usually those who call themselves our friends, and who believe themselves immune to this poison, who hurt us the most.

Pati McDermott is *so right* when she states that "We as white people do not make it safe for people of color to work with us." From all I've read of the Redheads' conflict, it sounds like they never seriously considered Lillie's allegations; instead, her subsequent behavior became the issue. Caucasians seem to think that people of color shout *racism!* whenever something isn't going right for us, but this is far from the truth. We know we will get little support for this kind of allegation, and it will be up to us to prove it, *on their terms*, which is often very hard. Usually we just take it, and try to forget about it. If the Redheads simply dismissed Lillie's claims without investigation, they took sides, the white side. As a professional musician, I understand entirely how a band with its first record deal would not want to rock the boat. Believe me, I do. This is what most musicians work years to achieve. But, what goes 'round comes 'round. I hope they feel satisfied that they have done the right thing, for the right reasons.

I have found in my experience, however, that when I have experienced racism in all-white situations, Caucasians just prefer not to deal with it. Caucasians just seem to feel that this is not their problem, it's ours. Here's an example:

When I was a senior at Andover, I was one of the top musical-comedy actors, having worked my way up in previous productions. The spring musical was a big deal, and usually was chosen around the talent available. Most of my friends expected to be in it, as I did. But that year I kept getting hints that something was wrong. Finally, I asked the Choral Director what was up. He confessed to me that I was not welcome to audition for a lead, that the musical was set in 1920s England, and that it was going to be done "authentically," and there was no role for me. Most of my white friends thought, 'Gee, that's too bad.' My Black friends said, "That's what you get for hanging out with White folks," and I felt humiliated and cheated. I protested, but my Caucasian friends did nothing, merely preparing their own auditions. Only one friend was courageous enough to go to the Choral Director and state his feeling that this was racist and wrong, and *his protest made more of an impression than anything I said.* Ironically, he was a Young Republican. My "liberal" friends never uttered a word. And when the administration finally cancelled the musical, I got the blame for it.

This is what Pati McDermott means when she talks about people of color joining Caucasian-dominated groups "taking a tremendous risk." The kind of incident I describe is far too common and very similar to Lillie's. In my own life, there are many such incidents.

We are not all the same, as some liberal types like to insist. But it is our differences that make us strong. Yet when someone affirms that we are all the same, what she is really saying is that you should be like me. Caucasians can't simply set up a situation, then call people of color in to make it all look good. If you're asking yourself "How can we get people of color in our group?" you must ask yourself *why* you want people of color in your group, and then you must ask yourself why there are no people of color who are important in your lives. These are hard questions, and it doesn't make you a bad person if you have no ready answers. It makes you a better person to try to answer them.

Racism is an ugly word, dripping with history and shame. Perhaps it gets thrown around too much. And yet Caucasians and people of color tend to define it differently. For instance, African Americans see disrespect as a form of racism. As a Black man in this society, I have found men, women and children feel they can speak to me or about me in any way they care to, regardless of what schools I have been to, what clothes I am wearing, or how much money I make. There is a tremendous underlying disrespect for nonwhite peoples in this society, and a universal assumption of inferiority until proven otherwise. Sadly, a lot of minorities buy into this.

The only time I get mildly nationalistic is when I think of what tremendous potential this country has. If we could begin to solve all our "isms," no one could touch us, because nowhere else is there such talent, resources (both natural and human), creativity, and freedom to move forward. We encompass the world in the Lesbian/Gay community, and if we can't or won't work on it among ourselves as people who know oppression, there is no hope for the rest of the population. But I know we can be leaders on this issue, if we only have the will.

Racism and Electing a Mayor

Enough is enough! Mayoral politics aside— What the hell is happening within the lesbian and gay community? Is our community really willing to throw integrity, honesty and human decency aside in order to obtain club endorsements for two straight white men? What is Joe Freitas doing in the Harvey Milk Club? What are Kurt Barrie, Robert Barnes and Peter Altman doing in the Latino Democratic Club? Why are white gay men insulting lesbians of color in the Toklas Club? Lastly and most importantly: Why is the recording secretary of the Milk Club calling the internal vice-president of the Milk Club a *Nigger*? All in the name of dirty politics? Well, I think not!

There is *no* justification, *no* defense and *no* excuse for this type of blatant racism. There has been a lot of name calling and mudslinging, but, baby, we have now reached the gutter and are heading for the drain! People have left mud behind and have found excrement to be a better weapon. Well, folks, mud can be washed off but the stench of racial epithets stays with both its thrower and its intended target for a long time. You have hit us where it hurts. Yes, the word nigger still stings in 1991. We have no come back. I am saddened and deeply disappointed in all of us. We have let the situation get out of hand.

White gay men in the Toklas Club feel the need to call a Vietnamese sister a "bitch." White members of the executive committee of the Harvey Milk Club feel that it is okay to participate in the takeover of the Latino Democratic Club, as if Non-Latinos have the right to determine what candidate will best serve the interests of the Latino Community. Such actions clearly demonstrate a lack of respect for the Latino Community and its political organizations. It is not surprising that these same members of the Milk Club executive committee would not object to Joe Freitas being a member of their own club—after all his record of support for the gay and lesbian community is as outstanding as Barrie's, Barnes' or Altman's support for the Latino Community. It seems with each passing day we head further down the path toward self-destruction. Joe Freitas has shown himself to be our enemy and he is now among us. Racism and sexism are our enemies and they too are now among us. They are bringing us down.

In January, the mayor will be sworn in and it will be business as usual for City Hall. The mud will be washed away and the mayor will attempt to run the City. But where will the Toklas and the Milk Clubs be? Where will we be as a "community"? How high a price are we willing to pay for mayoral endorsements? If this is simply dirty politics then I do not want to play—our soul is too high a price to pay for anything political.

Kerrington F. Osborne
Member, Black Caucus of the
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San Francisco

The Milk Club Debacle

The following is a copy of a letter addressed to the Executive Committee of the Harvey Milk Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club.

Like many other members who have attended recent meetings, I am dismayed by the galloping disintegration of the Harvey Milk Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club. Despite my decade of experience in Washington as a manager of two local campaigns, as co-founder and officer of a Lesbian and Gay Democratic club, and chapter executive director of Americans for Democratic Action, I have yet to see anything (including the latest Arnold Schwarzenegger movie) that rivals the bloodletting in the Milk Club.

The "family" of the Harvey Milk Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club has become a modern day version of the Bickersons, only without comic relief. It is a Democratic Club gone mad, with calculating leaders constantly and bitterly attacking each other. It is a club wracked with political agendas whose short-term gains are destroying the long-term stability of the organization. It is a club unable to build con-

sensus among its members and unwilling to forge coalitions with other civil rights groups and people of color.

You, as the Executive Committee of the Harvey Milk Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club, are all individually and collectively responsible for the organization's paralysis. Your actions and antics at membership meetings show a lack of respect for each other, an intolerance of differences and a total breakdown in communication (an essential ingredient for consensus to occur). This is *not* rough-and-tumble-San Francisco-politics-as-usual. This is self-destruction.

Under your stewardship the Harvey Milk Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club is on a fast track to becoming ineffectual and irrelevant to any role in San Francisco politics. The club is close to a schism. Sadly, where the club should bring people into the political process, it is alienating members—especially *new* members—from wanting to participate in politics at all.

Rather than pursuing this self-destructive behavior, leaders of the club should redirect your talents to *saving* the organization. Like any "family" on the rocks you may want to seek professional counseling from a Community Board or other intervention service. But in the alternative, consider some pointers that, if followed, would help reduce conflicts in the club:

(1) As Executive Committee members of the Harvey Milk Democratic Club, your primary loyalty and responsibility is to the club. By keeping discussion open, by drawing out silent members into discussions, by avoiding heavy-handed parliamentary maneuvers, by adhering to established rules and procedures, by *listening* rather than shouting, you ensure that all members have a seat at the table. You demonstrate you are fair to all sides.

Many people in the club, from the president on down are also staff or supporters of one politician or another. So charges of political bias cut both ways: it is equally true of people who support or are supported by Britt/Hongisto as it is of Agnos supporters. Nevertheless, because someone supports a particular political candidate does not, in and of itself, make that person prejudiced. Otherwise there would not be a single "unbiased" member left in the Harvey Milk Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club.

(2) Talk issues, not personalities. It's up to you as Executive Committee members of the club, to lead the organization out of the gutter of endless personality attacks. Analyze a proposal carefully; discuss the merits openly; and work to improve the measure, if necessary. Leave behind questions of someone's "personal agendas." Those are fruitless debates that lead you nowhere. Leaders of a political club should limit yourselves to cultivating a participatory political process—not digressing into psychoanalysis and mudslinging.

(3) Don't change the rules in the middle of the game. Establish procedures, then fight political battles following those rules. A prime example is the recent attempt to change the club's published endorsement procedures. The candidate endorsement motion came at the last membership meeting under "new business" without written notice to club members of the proposed changes. Such maneuverings—whether this particular case or earlier examples—dilute members' voting rights in violation of the Bylaws. They are crass attempts at short-term partisan gain that undermine the club's integrity.

(4) Recommit the club to a recognition that the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual movement is part of the larger civil rights movement. We are not a single-issue movement where our only concern is queer rights. We are inextricably linked to racial, ethnic, feminist, disabled and other civil rights groups in pursuit of social justice and equal opportunity. Our vision is an integrated society, not a segregated society. And we oppose discrimination and oppression wherever we find it.

(5) Don't *talk* consensus—*do* consensus. Consensus is a conservative decision-making process that is founded on trust and respect and listening to each other. There is little evidence of anything in the Harvey Milk Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club other than infighting, backbiting, powerplaying, soapboxing and name-calling, certainly a hostile climate for anything as principled as consensus. Yet, in the long run, consensus-building will strengthen the organization. Unfortunately, consensus-building in the club will also take a very long time and will require a firm commitment from the club's leaders.

Executive Committee members need to lead in rebuilding the Harvey Milk Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club, both by personal example and by making proactive changes in the way the club runs. Dancing on table tops may be helpful in working through a few routines for the Box, Club Q or the Rawhide, but it is not leadership. Rather, it demonstrates desperation, disintegration and anarchy.

"Every family has its ups and downs." But there's only so far down the downs can go. If the Executive Committee decides to take no action and continue the self-destructive behavior, then at least rename the club so it accurately reflects the sorry state of affairs of the Harvey Milk family. Simply call yourselves "The Bickersons."

Clint Hockenberry, Member
San Francisco

Minority Bellyaching

It is becoming extremely painful for me to read the letters in *SF Bay Times* which have anything to do with racism because what some letter writers refer to as racism turns out to be nothing but a vicious form of self-promotion and minority bellyaching. Real racism is when an African American woman is raped by white boys because they believe she's "a good lay." Real racism is when a Chinese high school student is beat nearly to death by a Hispanic gang because he crossed territorial lines. Real racism is when South Africans are not allowed to vote because of the color of their skin.

The global movement for equal rights and cross-cultural respect for each human being is *not* furthered by petty and jealous pseudo-activists who prance around the community throwing epithets at leadership on issues which are tiny and small compared to the real situation. When "people of color," for example, charge racism in the Parade committee because they wouldn't put up some money for a "people of color dance benefit," I am offended. Will it be much longer before these same pseudo-activists are charging Walgreen's with racism because they don't sell enough pomade or hair-straighteners? Or because they don't print their prices in Spanish?

Running the risk of having this letter thrown into the garbage bin, I have one more point to make. As a white male and an activist for majority viewpoints, I want to emphasize the fact that minorities are minorities. Only 10 percent of the people in San Francisco are African American, and only 13 percent of the people in San Francisco are Hispanic American. By comparison 46 percent of all San Franciscans are white. "People of color" should realize that the white majority has *no* moral or political obligation to support their cause. Most definitely the white majority has an obligation to support freedom and equality for all people, but not necessarily for those who accuse us of racism.

Robert Cole
San Francisco

Minorities Within Minorities

An open letter to "People Are Talking" producer Lorraine Howell, KPIX TV, regarding the July 23 show "Lives and Loves of Gay Men of Color":

I appeared on your show as panelist of the Gay Men of Color. I'm a person of Latin decent. I am an effeminate male and I feel that my presence was not fully explored in the representation of other Latins such as myself—queens.

It was immediately apparent to me (and to those who watched the program who I spoke with later) that the show was primarily promoting "Tongues Untied" and "Fierce Love." I am not a seasoned speaker or activist for racial acceptance and equality; however, I am a person infected with HIV. As such I was appalled that your show focused on the quote: "minority within a minority." As an HIV infected person I am a minority within a minority within a minority—three strikes, you're out. The fact that AIDS/HIV was not even mentioned negated, in my mind, a critical component of the plight of the Gay Man of Color. This epidemic has impacted our communities much more than any other and still is disproportionate within the new cases of the disease. How you or Ann or Ross could not see that there is a correlation between this racism and the racism in access to services for people with HIV is well beyond my scope of understanding. You should be ashamed of yourselves.

As a gay man, I feel that the subject of AIDS/HIV supercedes the racist attitudes of the Eurocentric American. We cannot continue to ignore this epidemic for the sake of racial equality—we must all work together if we are ever to curb this disease within our respective communities. I as an HIV infected person must continue to demand that this kind of propaganda be set aside to bring us all together as a whole in our fight against the epidemic that is taking our "Lives and Loves."

By working together we may finally be victorious in fighting AIDS/HIV, if not in our lifetimes then for the others that will come after we are gone—give them the chance to have long, prosperous and healthy lives that, as of now, we are being denied. AIDS DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE!

Recommendation: "Lives and Loves of Gay men of Color—The impact of AIDS."

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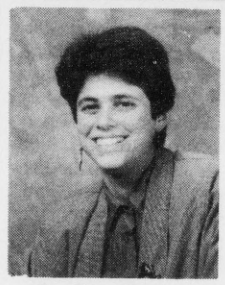
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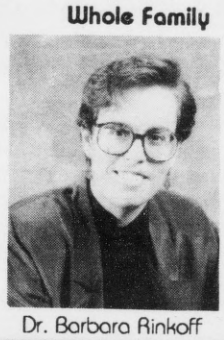
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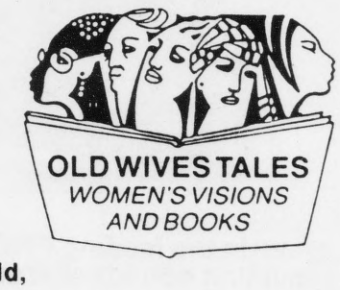

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Long-term Implications for Placebo Trials

On July 19 the Antiviral Drug Products Advisory Committee, a panel of non-government experts chosen by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), recommended that the FDA approve the AIDS antiviral ddI (dideoxyinosine) for adults and children who cannot tolerate or are not adequately responding to AZT. The Committee's vote was 5-2. This action, though, is only advisory. Ultimately the FDA must make the final decision, and it is expected to approve ddI later this summer or fall. Approval will make ddI the second AIDS antiviral regularly available, after five years of AZT alone.

The advisory committee meeting was widely reported in the press, which understood its importance in setting precedents for future evaluation of new drugs to treat life-threatening conditions. We will not repeat the news here, but will look at some of these precedents and how they might affect drug approval in the future.

Ideal data on the use of ddI is not available, and as a result the Committee's task differed from business as usual in two ways. First, it needed to weigh the use of "surrogate marker" data, such as T-helper counts and measures of viral load, because it did not have the efficacy data required in the past—death or major disease progression in controlled trials. Second, it needed to decide if "phase I" data, obtained from a number of small studies which were not designed to test drug efficacy, could substitute for data from the efficacy trials. Our interpretation of the Committee's actions is that surrogate markers basically were accepted (although not unanimously) as a major contributor to drug approval, at least for nucleoside analogs—especially since the markers are getting better.

But phase I data was basically rejected as a sole basis for drug approval. After the first day of the two-day meeting, there was much gloom among observers; many thought that the Committee would vote to reject ddI—that although the drug did work, the evidence available did not prove it worked. On that first day, Bristol-Myers Squibb had presented the phase I data which was the basis for its new drug application (NDA); later that day, the FDA, using sophisticated statistical analysis, raised serious doubts about that evidence. Only on the second day—when preliminary data was brought in from the ongoing controlled trial ACTG 117 (comparing ddI to AZT for persons who had already received extensive treatment with AZT), and this data tended to confirm the phase I results presented the day before—was a majority of the Committee convinced that, on balance, it was better to recommend that the drug be approved than not approved. It is almost unprecedented to release data early from an ongoing trial.

An important element in the Committee's decision is that there is much more safety data on ddI than on most drugs when they are approved,due to Bristol-Myers Squibb's expanded access program, which provided ddI to about 20,000 people and collected information about side effects. Also, the fact that the drug clearly shows biologic activity (indicated by reduction in p24 antigen and other viral measures) did impress the panel.

Still, the Committee was reluctant to recommend approval for several reasons. First, the controlled-trial evidence showed only a small benefit. Average T-helper counts were only 10 to 15 higher in the group which switched to ddI as compared to those who stayed on AZT (opportunistic infection rates in the ongoing study were not released). Second, there is serious toxicity with ddI, especially neuropathy and pancreatitis. And third, there was concern that approving the drug now might end the controlled trials, if persons who think they are getting AZT in the trials drop out to purchase ddI instead. Loss of the trials would be tragic, because their data is needed not only to confirm that the decision to approve ddI was the right one, but also to give physicians guidance on the best ways to use the drug. Also, these trials will refine scientists' understanding of surrogate markers, and therefore help in the development of future drugs.

ANALYSIS

The likely approval of ddI, while important for providing a second treatment option, should be kept in perspective. ddI could have been tested and approved several years ago, at about the same time as AZT.

It has taken years for government and academia to realize that the chances of developing drugs rapidly enough to meet the needs of the epidemic are near zero so long as statistical differences in death or major disease progression are required for drug approval. AZT was approved by a fluke, probably depending in large part on luck and/or experimental error. In any case, only one drug can go through that door, as new agents cannot ethically be compared to placebos in similar trials, but must be compared with AZT. This requires trials which are large, expensive, slow and hard to interpret. It is better to accept the risk that a drug will be approved in error, based on blood tests and other rapidly measurable indicators of improvement, than to face the near certainty of years of delay during an epidemic.

The drug-approval evolution now seen with ddI is very important and welcome, but it applies only to the last and most public stage of development, when a drug ready for use is awaiting final FDA action. Early problems—such as patent delays, excessive and unworkable animal-test requirements, and poorly designed phase I trials—have as much impact on the ultimate date of new-drug availability. But these problems are much less visible, and therefore harder to influence through public opinion. The drug development system is like an iceberg—only a fraction is easily visible, and only that tip is now being reformed.

SHOULD ACTIVISTS RECONSIDER PLACEBO TRIALS?

The most important single implication for the future to come from the Committee's meeting on ddI is that, in certain cases, improvements in laboratory test results can have a major role in drug approval—but they must be obtained in well-conducted, controlled trials. Also, there must be some supporting evidence of clinical improvement (such as weight gain).

For many new drugs, this means that the fastest way to get them approved will be short (perhaps three months), relatively small trials comparing the new drug to no treatment, using immunological or virological "surrogate markers" as major endpoints of the trial (instead of waiting for death or disease progression, as in earlier trials). Volunteers entering these studies can be relatively healthy (with T-helper counts around 300, for example), so that a few weeks of no treatment would be unlikely to do serious harm. Also, these trials can be designed so that anyone found to be doing badly can quickly be taken out of the trial and given appropriate treatment, or switched to the active drug if they had been receiving the placebo.

During the first day of the Committee's consideration of ddI—when it looked like the vote would be to reject the drug—such a study would have made all the difference in building a consensus for approval. Fortunately, the AIDS community was rescued this time by the data from ACTG 117, which was brought in on the second day. But ACTG 117 is slow, cumbersome and expensive—because it was designed to look primarily for death or disease progression, not for surrogate markers. And in most future cases of needed drugs, no such study will be available.

The reason AIDS activists have strongly opposed placebos in the past is that trials were designed to look for death or major opportunistic infections; many people had to die on the placebos or suffer major health problems in order to prove the drug. It is widely believed that important treatment or prophylaxis had sometimes been forbidden to study participants so that people would get sick faster, making it easier to get statistical proof that the drug worked. But surrogate-marker trials do not need to count people getting sick in order to prove a drug is effective. Therefore they can be ethical in their treatment of volunteers, and at the same time greatly accelerate the availability of proven new treatments for everyone.

The conventional wisdom among many scientists and government or drug-company officials is that AIDS activists will not tolerate trials in which some volunteers receive only a placebo. But in our discussions with activists we have found widespread agreement, or at least openness to the possibility, that there can be situations where properly designed placebo trials are appropriate. We urge further discussion and consideration of this issue.

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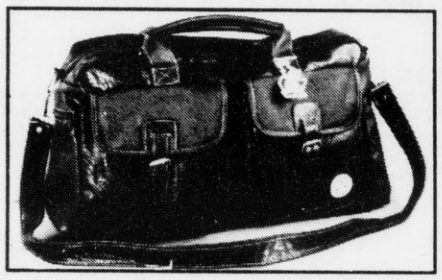

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Marijuana: Therapeutic Access Threatened

In 1978 the FDA approved a compassionate use program to make marijuana available to people diagnosed with glaucoma, multiple sclerosis or cancer. Outside of this access, of course, the government has made possession of marijuana a crime and a target of its war on drugs. A few years ago the FDA was pressured, over the objections of the Drug Enforcement Agency, into expanding marijuana access to people with HIV. But over the past several weeks, the news media have carried reports of the FDA's intentions to reverse this access.

Among those actively involved in this saga is the Marijuana AIDS Research Service (MARS), a project of the Alliance for Cannabis Therapeutics (ACT). MARS has helped many people with AIDS and their physicians obtain and complete the labyrinthine forms required by the FDA for compassionate release of marijuana.

Robert Randall, president of ACT and the first person to obtain marijuana for treating glaucoma, says that the FDA received more requests for marijuana in the first six months of 1991 than in the entire previous 13 years of the program's existence.

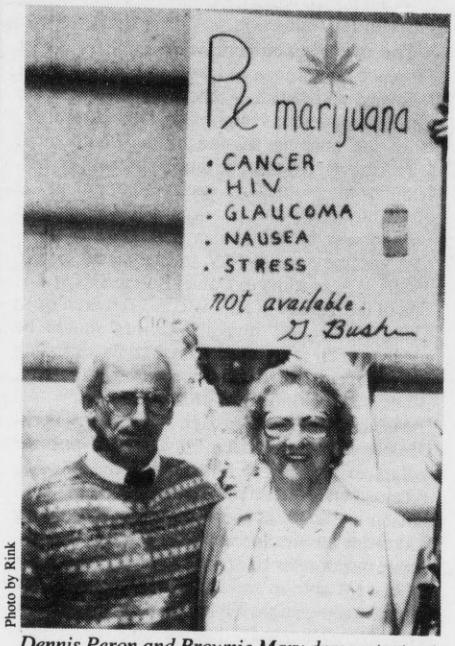
Dronabinol is a pharmaceutical version of marijuana's active agent THC, and is available by prescription under the trade name Marinol. Randall has been told by many people that dronabinol is not as effective for them as marijuana, for several reasons. For one, smoking marijuana can bring relief from nausea or poor appetite almost immediately, while dronabinol is an oral medication which may not take effect for over an hour. For another, marijuana consumption is easy to control, since it is smoked, while dronabinol is only available in specifically-dosed capsules. The Nursing 91 Drug Handbook cautions that dronabinol's effects may persist for days after the drug is taken.

In addition to relief from nausea attributed to both dronabinol and marijuana, some people have also reported to MARS increased emotional well-being and relief from neuropathy with marijuana use.

Theoretically, access for HIV use is still in place, but only for people already accepted into the program. Randall has heard various reasons for this move, mostly involving disputes within the government about the politics of admitting that marijuana has important medicinal value. The DEA in particular has long argued that marijuana holds no therapeutic benefits. But last year, the U.S. Court of Appeals ordered the DEA to reconsider its position.

MARS continues to assist physicians with completing the compassionate-use forms. Only physicians can apply to the FDA, and only for patients who present with nausea, vomiting or rapid weight loss. A donation of $15 is appreciated but not required for help from MARS. Interested persons can call (202) 328-6391, or write to MARS, P. O. Box 21210, Kalorama Station, Washington, D.C., 20009.

—Denny Smith



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Dennis Peron and Brownie Mary demonstrate at the "Marijuana for Health" rally July 19 in San Francisco.

Vaccine Development Reports At Int'l AIDS Conference

BY MICHELLE ROLAND

Much of the Seventh International Conference on AIDS in Florence, Italy was devoted to presentations about vaccine development. Although vaccines are traditionally developed to prevent uninfected individuals from getting sick, much of the HIV-related vaccine research is expected to be of use to people who are already HIV-positive.

Thirteen vaccines are currently in various stages of human testing around the world, including six which are being used in HIV-positive volunteers in an attempt to produce an effective immune response against the virus. The overall goal is to use a substance which resembles all or part of HIV and which the human immune system will see as foreign and thus attack. The products generated by this immune response, including antibodies and special types of activated white blood cells, would hopefully also be effective against HIV in the bloodstream, and HIV-infected cells, in people who are already HIV-positive. In order for a vaccine to be useful in this population, the immune response to the vaccine will have to be more effective than that which occurs in the great majority of people after HIV infection.

The substances used in the various vaccines are produced by different methods. The whole virus can be killed or inactivated; the Salk HIV vaccine uses this whole killed virus approach. Alternatively, small portions of the virus can be produced by genetic engineering technology. These are called the subunit vaccines. Another approach, using synthetic peptides, is also being tested; these are similar to subunit vaccines, but are smaller and produced using different techniques. Finally, some researchers are inserting the gene for one or more of these proteins into different microbes (viruses, yeast, bacteria, etc.) which then produce the protein. When these microbes, known as vectors, are injected into people, they make the HIV proteins which they were genetically engineered to produce. This approach is known as the recombinant vector vaccine. Combinations of these, and other methods of vaccine production, are currently being tested.

In the United States at least five vaccine candidates are in trials separately or in combination with one another. MicroGeneSys is studying a vaccine called VaxSyn and has also produced a p24 subunit vaccine. Bristol-Meyers Squibb has a recombinant vaccine. Viral Technologies is testing HGP-30, a synthetic peptide fragment of one of the core proteins of HIV. The killed-virus vaccine developed by Jonas Salk, M.D., is also in U.S. human trials; however, no new information about it was presented at the conference.

The AIDS Vaccine Evaluation Units (AVEUs), a group of five universities, are the federal government's primary testing sites for vaccines. They have only tested vaccines in HIV-negative volunteers so far, looking for safety data and for the degree of immune response. Two vaccines are also being studied at the National Institutes of Health.

Outside the U.S., the drug companies Chiron and Ciba-Geigy are jointly developing a gp120 vaccine (gp120 is another envelope protein). A French scientist, Daniel Zagury, M.D., from the University of Paris, is using a novel combination approach which includes some of the products discussed above, in addition to inactivated white blood cells and inactivated products of these cells,

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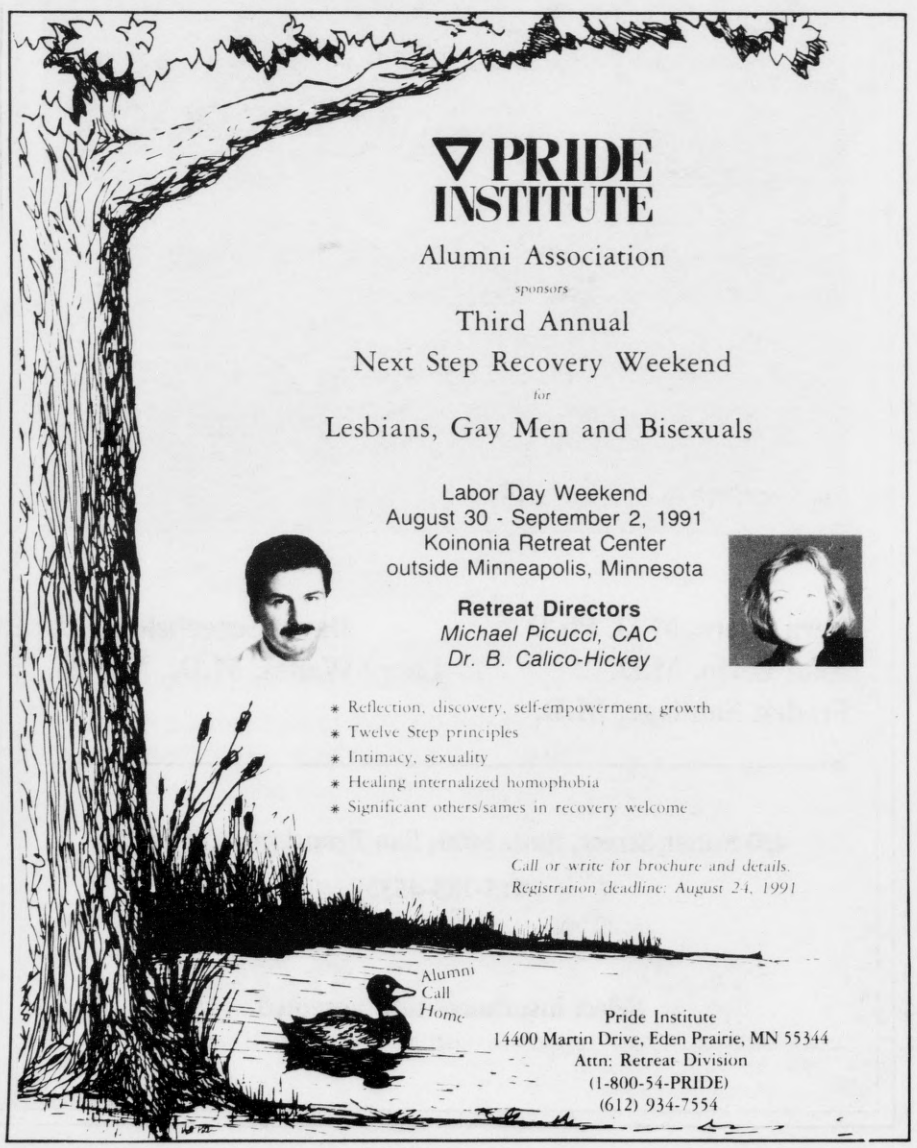

in an attempt to restore immune function in people with HIV infection.

The overall sentiment of researchers at the Florence conference can be summarized in the following statement by Anthony Fauci, M.D., the U.S. government's highest AIDS researcher, from the opening session of the conference: "Vaccine development creates an imposing challenge to the biomedical research community... Hopefully, and I am optimistic in this regard, we will witness the availability of a safe and effective vaccine against HIV in the decade of the 1990s." According to Daniel Bolognesi, M.D., one of the leaders in HIV vaccine research from Duke University, several vaccines should be ready to enter large-scale human trials for testing of effectiveness in the next three years. Currently, several small clinical trials are ongoing.

Subunit Vaccine: VaxSyn A recently published study using VaxSyn in 30 HIV-positive volunteers with greater than 400 T-helper cells, received widespread media attention in the U.S. during the week of the conference. This study found that the vaccine was safe and caused an immune response in 19 of the 30 volunteers. Those who were able to mount an immune response tended to have higher T-helper cell counts when they entered the study; they were also more often in the group which received six injections rather than three. T-helper cell counts remained stable in the 19 vaccine responders over a ten-month period, but dropped approximately seven percent in the group which did not respond, suggesting that the immune response to the vaccine may have had some protective effect.

Another small study of VaxSyn, looking at two doses in 20 patients in Montreal, was presented at the conference. Eight of the nine patients who had been followed for over 180 days were reported to have developed an increased antibody response. In addition, T-helper cell counts stabilized above their baseline values, and HIV could not be cultured from the blood.

VaxSyn Plus p24 (Combination of Two Subunit Vaccines) Gary Blick, M.D., reported on the first of two community-based trials of VaxSyn in combination with a recombinant p24 vaccine. In the first study, data from 25 patients, including 16 without symptoms and nine with AIDS or symptomatic HIV infection, were presented. The vaccines appeared to be safe and well tolerated. After five months the majority of patients with initial T-helper cell counts above 200 demonstrated small but statistically significant increases in their T-cell measures. There were no significant increases in the group with T-helper counts less than 200 at study entry. Five of 30 original patients withdrew from the study because of development of new opportunistic infections.

Dr. Blick began a second study in May of this year in which all volunteers receive gp160, but half are randomized to receive the p24 vaccine in addition, with the other half receiving a placebo. This study is designed to learn if adding the p24 increases the effectiveness.

All three of the studies using VaxSyn suggest that this vaccine, either alone or in combination with a p24 vaccine, does cause an immune response. There is also preliminary data suggesting that there may be some clinical benefit for individuals with relatively high T-helper counts. None, however, have proven to be effective in helping people with HIV infection stay healthier longer. It is impossible to know whether the immune response elicited by the vaccine will be more helpful than that which the body creates on its own in response to HIV infection. It is clear, however, that the immune response elicited by VaxSyn is different from that elicited by HIV infection.

HIVAC-1e, Then VaxSyn (Live Virus Vector Priming Followed by Subunit Boost): Two studies, one in macaque monkeys and one in HIV-negative people, demonstrated that a technique of using two different types of vaccine elicited a larger, potentially more effective, immune response than did either approach alone. Researchers reported on a small study using Bristol-Myers Squibb's recombinant vaccine (called HIVAC-1e) as a priming immunization, followed several months later by a booster with VaxSyn. According to the study, this combination produced a larger, longer-lasting immune response than either had produced alone. In addition, a greater proportion of those immunized with both vaccines produced so-called neutralizing antibodies, which are expected to be effective against HIV.

Another researcher reported on a study in macaque monkeys using this same approach. These monkeys were protected against infection with simian immunodeficiency virus, which is similar to HIV and infects some kinds of monkeys.

Combination Vaccine Approach One researcher discussed his results from an uncontrolled trial of six individuals with HIV infection. His strategy combines a number of different elements into what he calls an anti-cytostatic immunization regimen. Although he claims that the patients in his trial have all experienced either stabilization or increases in T-helper cell counts and weight, in addition to other clinical and laboratory signs which suggest improved immune function, criticisms of his program voiced at the conference were significant. Researchers were concerned that he tested a combination of compounds without testing each one individually, making it impossible to determine which one or ones were effective. In addition, he was criticized for not using a control group to see if there was a difference between those patients treated and those who remained untreated.

In addition to the human studies discussed above, many reports of progress in the design of new and improved vaccine approaches, and early animal studies in various models of HIV infection, show hopeful signs in the development of safe and effective vaccines. These studies could lead to development of a significant additional tool for the treatment of HIV. For this goal to be achieved, significant funding, along with international scientific and political cooperation, will be crucial.

TIBO Report: Good Pharmacokinetics, No Dramatic Benefit

TIBO derivatives are a class of very selective inhibitors of HIV. Because of their selectivity, they are expected to have low toxicity as drugs. TIBO derivatives are reverse-transcriptase inhibitors, but (unlike AZT, ddI and ddC) not nucleoside analogs. Low-profile human studies of this class of drugs have been occurring in Europe for over a year.

On July 20 *The Lancet* published a report of a 50-week, 22-patient study in England of R 82913, one of the drugs in this class. The drug was well tolerated and showed good pharmacokinetics, with stable blood values when given intravenously, but evidence for efficacy was small.

The study was not primarily designed to look for efficacy. Instead, for each volunteer, daily doses were escalated from 10 to 300 mg; the latter gave trough levels (the lowest blood concentrations during the day) which were enough to inhibit HIV in laboratory tests. All 22 volunteers had advanced HIV infection; all T-helper counts were below 300, all had opportunistic infections before the study began, and all but one were p24 antigen positive.

Average T-helper counts rose slightly when the maximum drug level was attained. Also, p24 antigen fell 41 percent during the first month of treatment. Before treatment, it had been rising. None of the volunteers showed great clinical improvement, however, and most continued to lose weight. Seven patients died during the study: two of them had KS, four began the trial with T-cell counts below 20, and the other died of PML. Nine others who left the trial are still alive; the other six were still receiving treatment in January 1991.

The data suggested that larger doses of R 82913 may be needed; it is often difficult to predict required levels of antivirals based on laboratory tests. However, the drug is difficult to make, and there was little available when this trial was run—perhaps not enough to test higher doses.

A graph published with the paper showed that there was about a 10-fold difference between peak and trough blood concentrations of the drug—despite daily dosing and an elimination half-life of three days. It is possible that more frequent dosing would help.

The lack of toxicity of R 82913 suggests that this drug might prove useful when enough of it becomes available to test higher doses.

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WHAT'S GOING DOWN

BY LOUISE RAFKIN

Dyke for a Decade

We're talking dog days of summer here, muggy, hot and thousands—literally—of queers strolling through Provincetown arm in arm, heads swiveling as they check out everyone checking everyone out. It's a gay day parade each and every day.

So I tend to forget that elsewhere being gay is actually an issue. Sure there's the many incidents of anti-queer harassment—including a full-fledged demo up the Cape in conservative Hyannis (a la Kennedys) at the gay day parade. (Why *didn't* they stage the parade in P-town? Hmm...) But for many people I see cruising the streets here, this is their big splash for being out. And their T-shirts prove it.

The most popular P-town T's this year seem to be those "Nobody Knows I'm Gay" shirts, or alternately, the one worn by gay men mainly, "Nobody knows I'm a Lesbian." There's also the alternative "I'm not gay but my boyfriend/girlfriend is." (The latter also a favorite of the lads.) Of course these tedious slogans are printed in foot high block letters across the front of said shirts, and worn, I can imagine, only whilst here in P-town. The rest of the year I can imagine this "Nobody Knows" thing is a mantra—because nobody *better* know. What do you bet?

Because I can't imagine wearing these anywhere, I began to ponder it all. I recently had a birthday and am now the same age as Jesus when he died, the magical number 33. I came out—more or less—at 23, so I've now been a Dyke for a Decade. (The spin-off of Queen for a Day?) And during this time I've almost never been closeted. Sure, while I was a substitute teacher in Oakland, and occasionally the first 15 minutes of a job interview. But I've also lived in places where closets are for clothes: Berkeley, P-town and New Zealand in the heady days of radical lesbo-ism. Of course I've made decisions on my whereabouts based on gay friendly factors, but I realize the only reason I can be who I am today—a lesbian, a writer, a lesbian writer—is because I've been able to be who I am. If not fully, than almost fully. And as I watch the parades of zealous out-for-a-day, or week, holidaying girls and gays here in this little queer town, I thank the goddess of serendipity for my good fortune.

I date my first coming out to that moment 10 years ago when I finally went down (and yes, I was down under). But I also have this unbelievable Polaroid picture dated on its curling edge July 1968. I was 10 years old. I'm at a summer camp carnival, holding a stack of straws which I remember now to be pea-shooters. And I'm dressed in this strange get-up that I very much remember putting together. I had decided I wanted to be "half-boy and half-girl" for the occasion. The outfit is literally that. On the left side I'm a girl: I've got a skirt fastened on one leg, a pink polyester shell that shows just the bud of a breast, my long blonde hair is wavy and loose, and red lipstick carefully portioned over just half of each lip.

On the other side I've done the boy thing: a black vest, tight jeans, a single cowboy boot, my hair slicked back tight against my head. Both sides of me, girl and boy, are grinning wide. Where did I come up with this idea? And do I get to date my coming out from that moment?

My decade of dykeness has included trysts and relationships with a gaggle of gals, though I can still number them on both hands (and maybe some toes) and one "slip" several years ago at a writer's colony with a married cowboy from South Dakota. It was more traumatic for him than I, probably due to the initial fact that I laughed at his erection. "You *walk around* with that thing?" I commented most incredulously, which didn't actually keep his ego inflated (if not other things). I had forgotten about such necessities as birth control and condoms, yet we searched for one for nearly an hour until finally giving up. (The colony, way out in the country away from convenience stores, had kindly provided a stash, but by the second or third night they had all but vanished.) Then, as things were progressing and he was promising to pull out (a term I had all but forgotten since high school) I said, "Hey, that's okay, my girlfriend wants to have a baby." Yup, then he lost it, figuratively and quite literally, though he sent me Christmas cards of the family—including wife and kids—for several years. That was my last foray into the world of testosterone—can you blame me?

If this is a phase, it seems to be a lasting one.

Other Anniversary: *Ms.* magazine just celebrated its first one as "ad-free." Congrats!

Possible Future Anniversaries: What about that photo of Sandra Bernhard and Amanda Donahoe holding hands (fingers intertwined) in the tabloids? Okay, if you have to ask: Amanda is the now infamous CJ on L.A. Law. Sources say the ever gracious Sandra said that "Amanda is the hottest bitch on TV. I have to be where the hot bitches are." Gads, Sandra, couldn't you be just a bit easier on the ears?

More Celebrity Gossip: *People* magazine's spread on Martina's well-publicized breakup didn't pull any punches. For those of you out of the *People* orbit, Judy Nelson, Ms. N's ex, has petitioned for half of her earnings during the seven years they lived together as per their pre-nuptial arrangement—which is videoed for god's sake. Martina, of course, is rumored to have done the lesbo thing and is already ensconced in another thing with Cindy Nelson, a former Olympic skier. Okay, I know you like this gossip stuff, 'fess up and let it go.

Golly Gee Wiz: I missed my 15th high school reunion this last weekend; I was in Chicago fighting with four hundred women. No, not my ex-lovers. It was the National Women Martial Artists' summer training camps, and though there were several ex's there, we didn't fight. All in all it was a swell event, focusing not only on martial arts but on self-defense for women and children and even gay men. Sat in with a group of 20 or 30 women all trying to develop programs geared toward groups targeted by hate crimes (that's us folks, even here in P-town). And we're kicking off a campaign next month for a year-long program of education and self-defense. Hurrah.

Memory Lane: Back to those 10 long years—long? Hardly. There were those first years of interminable meetings and infighting, followed by interminable nights of drinking. Whatever it was about, I had to learn from it and I'm glad it's over—and I did learn, lots actually. And then those in between years before we started talking to the boys, and now these days of solidarity politics—or attempts at such—and a new definition of what it means to be queer. I can't claim to know where we're headed, the gay nineties have almost lived up to their name thus far, but we'll have to wait and see. Meanwhile I'm off to the beach to carouse with naked nymphs, a bit like Michigan with water and whales.

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their prattle, they ought to be blaming the quality of their ideas, rather than scapegoating what they define as a "politically correct" mind-set. Indeed, the assimilationists have tried desperately to create a new Satanic symbol—the "politically correct queer." Well, at least being "politically correct" means being politically *active*, which is more than can be said of most assimilationists. And, if being politically "correct" means caring about women's issues, racism, animal welfare, the environment, queer visibility, national health care, poverty, homelessness, and so many other "correct" issues then, by all means, count me among the PC crowd.

In defending the assimilationist bent, Steve Omlid appears to claim that *all* queer voices deserve an unqualified acceptance, and that each speaks a healthy contribution to queer culture. While I fully support discursive diversity, I can see that some voices are so far removed from—and indeed so detrimental to—our communities that they hardly qualify as "queer voices." Assimilationist voices cry out for "acceptance," which in the end is really a plea to be more like *straight, white, wealthy men*—with their attendant penchant for "acceptable" behavior (i.e., war mongering, profiteering, misogyny, egocentrism).

Queers need assimilationists about as much as Jews need Nazis. But, Steve Omlid will warn us, we ought not to criticize a Nazi just because we disagree with him. And, if he's a gay Nazi, well...we "fellow" gays shouldn't *dare* to identify the danger of his agenda, or so Omlid's argument goes. Omlid's dictum for queer harmony: Be polite, not political. And *never* be personal (that, according to Omlid, is simply "hateful").

Now, I am not suggesting (wholeheartedly) that assimilationists are Nazis. Rather, I am simply pointing out the obvious: There are anti-queer forces inside as well as outside of our communities; we *can* be our own worst enemies. Assimilationists are not unique to the queer community, after all, and historical and contemporary examples abound. The U.S. Supreme Court is an interesting microcosm here. For example, it seems rather unlikely that our most recent Supreme Court nominee, Judge Thomas, will do much for African Americans, committed as he is to serving the very policies that feed racial oppression and social injustice. Similarly, Ms. Justice O'Connor is no hero of the women's movement. And for that matter, the lovely Mr. Justice Souter, a "confirmed bachelor" who lives with his mother, has done *nothing* for his fellow "confirmed bachelors" (wink, wink). Quite the contrary.

Assimilationists, if they achieve social status or political power, do so by standing upon the backs—and, indeed, *stabbing* the backs—of the communities in which they may claim at least nominal membership. Politics *is* personal.

Steve Omlid claims that to identify, debate and discourage such foes is to adopt an "anti-diversity" position. His argument is so politically naive and contradictory that it is difficult to take him seriously. Indeed, to refrain from debate for fear of mentioning discord or being labeled contentious (or...gasp!..."politically correct") is actually the *most* anti-diversity course of all. But this is precisely the course Omlid would have us take!

Omlid argues that "the more different sides from which we attack the monster of heterosupremacy, the sooner we will slay the beast." Might I suggest that we will have a hard go of it if we attempt to slay the monster by feeding and grooming it, as the assimilationists are wont to do.

In his letter, Omlid also continues (yawn...) to press the absurd point that protesting at *Basic Instinct* infringed upon *someone's* free speech...but whose? he is not clear here. Does Omlid honestly presume to be standing up for a major Hollywood film company's "right" to free speech? If so, his efforts are hardly needed. Hollywood's place of privilege in the free speech arena is already well-protected, thank you. Sadly, Omlid seems unconcerned with the rights of individuals—the protestors—to peacefully assemble and engage in free speech. These personal liberties were continuously abridged by the S.F.P.D. and by Carolco thugs, an indignity that Omlid conveniently overlooks. Instead, Omlid thoughtlessly parrots Hollywood's interpretation of the Constitution, an interpretation that grants individual liberties to corporate conglomerates in order to protect profits...*not* speech.

It is unfortunate that Omlid—along with other queers—continues to worry more about the disruption of filming schedules than the *actual* silencing of queer voices. And it is downright frightening that he fails to see the assimilationist agenda for what it is—not one among many queer voices, but that voice which would, if it could, silence diversity forever.

Al Kielwasser
San Francisco

Photo by Rink

Lots of the guys from Queer Nation showed up at SF Boy Scout Headquarters to register as scoutmasters; a few got waylaid by a kiss-in.

Great Paper

Enclosed is our check for a one year subscription to the *SF Bay Times*. We are subscribing for the following reasons:

(1) You give equal space to lesbian and gay news. As gay men, it is very important to us to get more coverage of lesbian issues. (We're glad for coverage of bisexual issues as well);

(2) You give information (addresses, telephone numbers and ideas) for taking action on the issues that concern us;

(3) Dave Ford, Louise Rafkin and Alison Bechdel.

Please start our subscription with the August issue. We look very forward to receiving your faaaaaaabulous publication.

Mark Sprecher & Cary Bobier
Santa Barbara

Don't Register Republican

There's been a lot of talk lately about gay men and lesbians re-registering Republican for next year's California Senatorial primary. The idea is to vote against and defeat our nefarious arch-enemy, Bill Dannemeyer, the Wicked Witch of Orange County. He is running from the Right against our *acting* junior Senator (appointed, never elected) John Seymour, also from Orange County. Seymour is being trotted out by these folks as our bosom buddy. I say BEWARE!

Mr. Seymour just voted on July 18 for an amendment that would crudely and needlessly criminalize health care workers with HIV disease, authored by none other than the Grand Dragon of AIDS—and homophobia—the evil Jesse Helms. Our "friend" just put his wet little finger to the blowing winds of public hysteria and ignorance fanned by the likes of Helms, and caved in to bigotry and bad law. California's senior Senator, Democrat Alan Cranston, voted NO.

I guess I'm biased: I'm a Registered Nurse and long-time AIDS activist with AIDS, and I know strict adherence to "universal precautions" (sort of "safe sex" for health care workers) is the answer—not putting nurses in jail. See, according to Senators Seymour and Helms, we're supposed to inform our patients before we start that IV that we're infected with HIV, so that we can selflessly sacrifice our confidentiality (as no one else outside of the health field must), and kiss our jobs and livelihoods "good-bye" as well. This, while we're battling a serious disease. Bye-bye income. Bye-bye health insurance. And for what the Centers for Disease Control, after careful study, regards as a miniscule to practically nonexistent risk. Jail—10 years, $10,000 fine. That's what our good buddy, John Seymour, voted for.

Funny, also, but when I perused the list of Senators signed on as co-sponsors of the national Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights bill pending before Congress (and carried by our Senator Cranston in the Senate), John Seymour's name was nowhere to be found!

Oh, if you want to be clever, I suppose you could register Republican before June, vote for the lesser of two evils (an uplifting experience we've grown all too used to), then switch back home to the Democrats and vote for Dianne Feinstein, who we CAN count on—no ifs, ands, or buts—in November. Just make sure you're sending money to Dianne all through your little charade! But if you're not sure and wise in the ways of politics, then beware of Republicans in "gay clothing" and just say "No!" After all, gay Republicans are just trying to get you to register Republican, and this is their latest ploy.

Mr. Lupin Loughborough, RN
Berkeley

Queer Scouts

Queer Scouts, a focus group of Queer Nation, urges lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transsexuals, queers and our friends...to call the United Way of the Bay Area and demand that they no longer fund the Boy Scouts and their homophobia. The Boy Scouts have consistently affirmed that queers do not provide appropriate role models as scoutmasters. Since the case against Tim Curran—a former scoutmaster who was ejected after revealing his queer identity in a newspaper article—began eight years ago, the U.W.B.A. has given millions of dollars to this paramilitary homophobic organization while other worthwhile groups go begging. While the Boy Scouts get over $1 million from U.W.B.A., the lesbian and gay community gets only $600,000.

While members of our community including certain politicians may think that the Boy Scouts are a worthwhile community organization, how can they deny that there are many other worthwhile organizations that do similar work and are not homophobic or sexist?!

The fact of the matter is that the Boy Scouts signed an agreement with the United Way, explicitly stating that they will adopt and practice a policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, knowing full well that they would not abide by it. The fact of the matter is that the Boy Scouts explicitly state in their scoutmaster handbook that if a boy is found to be engaging in homosexual conduct that the scoutmaster should seek professional help for the kid. The fact of the matter is that the United Way is funding this homophobia on the backs of the lesbian and gay community who give to the United Way. The fact of the matter is that the Boy Scouts promote "traditional family and sexual orientations" which is not the reality for many people of color and members of the queer community.

The United Way's continued funding of this homophobia is a slap in the face to our community and we should act to defend ourselves. If the Boy Scouts were abiding by their oath of "honesty" and the United Way were to abide by its own charter and not simply provide lip service to the gay community, they would put their money where their mouth is and cut the Boy Scouts off by their "morally straight" balls.

Queer Scouts Of Queer Nation

Editor's Note: The United Way is currently considering whether or not to continue funding the Boy Scouts because of the Scouts' discriminatory practices. We urge our readers—particularly those of you who currently contribute to United Way—to call their offices at 543-8780 and urge them not to fund the Boy Scouts until they change their policy of discrimination.

Gay Eagle Scout

An Open Letter To The Boy Scouts Of America:

In the mid-sixties, I was the Senior Patrol Leader, and then Junior Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 494 sponsored by Glenkirk Presbyterian Church in Glendora, California, under Scoutmaster Jerry Kennard. I achieved the God and Country Award. In addition, I received the Valley Forge Nathan Hale Essay Award.

I am also gay. It would have helped me as a young man struggling with my sexual orientation to have known that the Boy Scouts recognized homosexuality as an alternative lifestyle. Open discussion of sexuality within the Boy Scouts could help both gay and straight youths form healthy self-concepts, and decrease the homophobic scapegoating that frequently occurs among boys.

As a social worker, I have run a support group for gay youth. I have often thought that it would be helpful for gay young people to have access to the resources that scouting has to offer. I hope you will seriously reconsider your stand against gay scoutmasters within your program. Many Boy Scouts are gay, and they could use adult gay role models within scouting to help them feel good about themselves, instead of feeling alienated and rejected.

Rik Isensee, LCSW
San Francisco

P.S. I think that it would be helpful for gay men who were Boy Scouts to let the National Council know just how many of us there are. Write: Boy Scouts of America National Council, 1325 Walnut Hill Lane, PO Box 152079, Irving, Texas, 75015-2079.

The Real Frank Jordan

In the July 4th, 1991, issue of the *Sentinel*, mayoral candidate and former San Francisco Police Chief Frank Jordan expressed his anger at what he saw as an anonymous slap at his character and

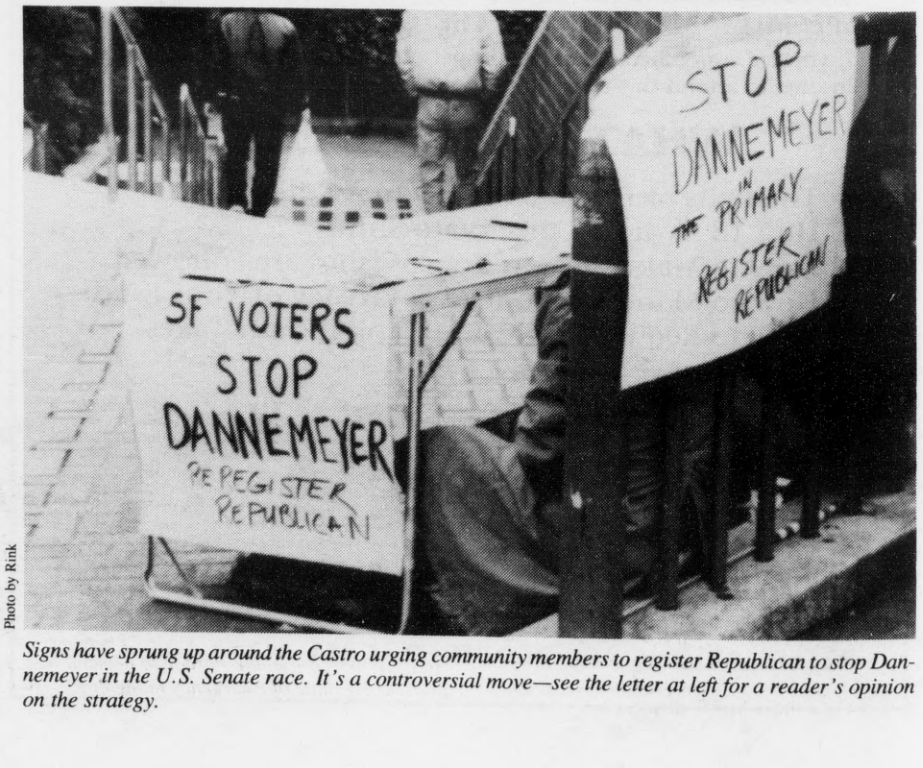

Photo by Rink

Signs have sprung up around the Castro urging community members to register Republican to stop Dannemeyer in the U.S. Senate race. It's a controversial move—see the letter at left for a reader's opinion on the strategy.

record. He was angered by "the sign" carried by us in the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade which, in part, proclaimed him to be a queer-basher. Mr. Jordan then proceeded to belittle our opinions as pitiable, "narrow hatreds" that ignored his record on Gay and Lesbian community service. He lists his accomplishments and asserts that he will "stand on [his] record."

We'd like to point out a few items that Mr. Jordan forgot to include in his "record."

First and foremost, he conveniently forgot to mention the other text and image that appeared on the sign besides the appellation "queer-basher." The image that appeared was the by-now-familiar photo by Rick Gerharter showing Michael Barnette lying prone on the ground at Castro and Market Streets on October 6th, 1989, bleeding from a head wound inflicted by a police officer. A police officer under the command of then-Chief Frank Jordan.

On that night scores of gay men and lesbians were abused, corralled and beaten by the police. When ordered by the San Francisco Police Commission to give a full and accurate account of events that evening, Chief Jordan gave false and incomplete reports both on November 27th, 1989, in written testimony, and again verbally before the Commission on December 13th, 1989. Both accounts contradicted readily available information from police reports, videos, photos and eye-witness testimony. When asked to explain why police had acted in such a violent way toward peaceful demonstrators and bystanders, Chief Jordan attempted to blame the crowd for the Castro Street sweep, claiming that they threw bottles and sat in the streets after being ordered out. Both assertions were patent lies designed to shift blame from the police to the community, and to this date have never been sustained by the Commission or the evidence. After his personally hand-picked Deputy Chief Frank Reed added an unprecedented 140 officers to the demonstration—a direct contradiction to previously established crowd control procedures—and gave them orders to keep the crowd penned up and in line, Frank Jordan tried to justify those actions by concocting another lie. He asserted that ACT UP had engaged in violent looting and rioting at earlier demonstrations, a totally false statement which examination of the public record in any city where an ACT UP operates will clearly show.

Following this string of lies, Chief Jordan then tried repeatedly to stand in the way of disciplinary action for the officers involved in the bashings, the set-up and harassment of the community that night.

If you have any further doubts about Frank Jordan's compassion and support for our community, ask Gay and Lesbian police officers who served under him what they think of his "record." These officers, who rallied around their present Chief Willis Casey in heartfelt support of *his* record, declined an invitation to march in support of Frank Jordan at this year's Parade. Small wonder, considering that this was the man who refused to allow them to march as lesbian and gay police officers in previous Parades and who refused to join the Parade himself...until, that is, he was a mayoral candidate.

We marched proudly in that parade as gay men and members of our community, expressing our views. Our sign identified us and the reasons behind those views, in detail. Meanwhile, Frank Jordan cynically hid behind an AB101 sign, marching for the first time in support of Gay and Lesbian rights, conveniently timed to his entry in the mayor's race. Frank Jordan hid his identity behind dark glasses and a hat, ten groups away from the parade slot he had been assigned (24c). If he was so proud to be marching with us, where was his banner—proclaiming his name and candidacy—like Art Agnos and Richard Hongisto had? Was he afraid of the crowd's reaction to his "record," the same crowd, that with the exception of *eleven people* (about seven of whom were in his campaign office on Market Street) supported us and our views? We have no delusions that opinion was universal, but if his "record" is good, why did only four people out of 250,000 take us to task and express their support for Mr. Jordan?

Frank Jordan says it was "too beautiful a day" to confront us about our views. Or maybe he thought that such a confrontation would raise real issues about his candidacy, his record with the Gay/Lesbian community and ruin his photo-op.

Where has Frank Jordan really been for our community all these years? Certainly not with his Lesbian and Gay officers when they wanted to march in uniform in the Parade. Certainly not in the Parade himself. He wasn't with our community on October 6th, or during ensuing months of the disciplinary process when he lied to protect queer-bashers. And where was he on Parade day, when he could have corrected our "narrow hatreds" and "slogans?"

And most importantly, where will he be for us once he gets into office? At our side, defending our rights and safety? Or back where history shows him to be; defending and condoning queer-bashers. We'd rather not take the risk of finding out.

Girls Nite Out: A Night to Remember

BY VAL C. PHOENIX

It takes a lot to lure me out on a rainy Friday evening. Not for me the clubcrawling and barhopping life. Unless there's a hot live show happening, I'd just as soon curl up with a good book or bake cookies. So, I was extending my parameters a bit at LABIA's Girls Night Out on July 12. An evening of barhopping at straight venues, it was an opportunity for some queer visibility and fun. While LABIA, the women's caucus of Queer Nation, hosted, it was a co-sexual event.

The night began at Curtain Call, a karaoke bar on Union Street. The idea is to sing along to a recorded track, while impressing your friends, I guess. Probably with a few beers, it's hilarious fun for straight people. Who needed an alcoholic buzz? Queers make our own fun. Watching a tattooed lesbian sing "She's Got You" or a scarf-clad boy trill through "As Long As He Needs Me," one could see the possibilities in this stuff. Truly inane video images appeared on a screen with subtitled lyrics to assist the singers. We were treated to a parade of boy-meets-girl themes. Thank you—not. To counter this heterosexual propaganda, Queer Nationals engaged in some gender subversion. To wit, "Summer Nights." He: "He got friendly holding my hand." She: "She got friendly down in the sand." This is obviously what John and Olivia *meant* to sing.

Tiring of this diversion after awhile, the gathering made its way to that bastion of societally approved male bonding, the sports bar. This one was called the Bus Stop, and the machismo could be cut with a knife. Faces hardened and tongues clicked as two women engaged in some serious kissing, and a man wearing a bra garnered some stares. The management was not amused and kicked out two photographers. It got old fast. "Tired!" one participant announced. "Thank you," someone replied. As Michelle Shocked has observed, "The secret to a long life is knowing when it's time to go."

Regrouping outside, the assemblage selected the next target. The lucky winner was—

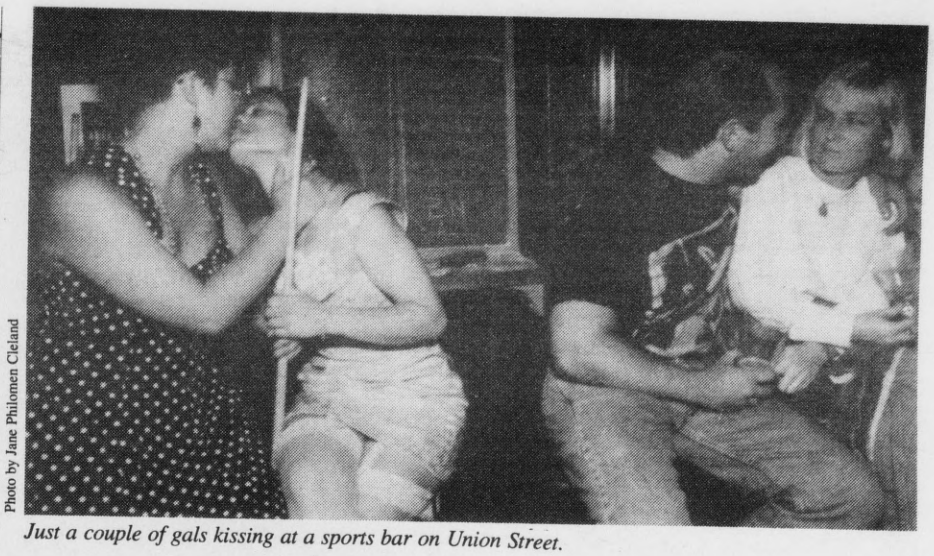

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Just a couple of gals kissing at a sports bar on Union Street.

Margaritaville! Here the patrons were well-dressed professional-looking types, including some same-sex couples out on dates. How lucky for them. The order of the evening was change partners and kiss. Keeping track of who was with whom was impossible. One hopes new and lasting relationships were sparked by the close contact. I stayed out of the fray, wanting to provide some objectivity.

As midnight approached, the organizer gave the command "Pierce Street Annex!" Blood lust was in the air. The denizens of the Annex had given participants of the first Girls Night Out a hard time, resulting in two arrests. Now it was time for a payback. To add to the charged atmosphere, it was rumored that the Annex was hosting a frat party.

Nevertheless, the group was game—and gay—to pay them a visit. Trooping along the street, chanting "Faggots and dykes and queers—oh my!" everyone paused by the theater showing *Truth or Dare* to pose with Madonna's picture and express reverence for her example. If Madonna had been in town, I'm sure she would have joined in.

As it was, the outreach was quite successful. Passing by Desert Moon, we espied a small group of women dancing on the sidewalk. A few dykes stopped to commune with them, boogie a little, and welcome them to our group—and they followed us! A cheer went up. "I don't believe this!" one dyke said. Anything was possible. Three police cars crawled down the street parallel to the group as it approached Pierce Street Annex. The recruits, now resplendent in "Dyke" stickers, giggled at the change in their plans. One of them said "I wanna be bi, not queer." A veteran queer assured her "Bi is queer." She seemed content with that. Not much happened at the Annex. The $3 cover dissuaded most from going in. Why give them our money? The "Queer for a Night" women wandered off, after banging on the windows and leaving their stickers. Straight men confirmed their reputation as Neanderthals. Seeing two women kissing, a straight guy said "Two women—that really turns me on, but two men—that's disgusting." Of course, he missed the point: lesbian sexuality does not exist for men's benefit. A dyke set him straight(er): "If you love your dick so much, why can't you love some other guy's dick?" Points to ponder.

The group turned and headed for Mauna Loa, where the lack of any energy sobered us. Reportedly, a manager called one lesbian a bitch, and she chewed him out. I headed home soon after arriving with a group of queers, and we sang songs on the bus, providing some much-needed gaiety to the 22 line.

Frank Jordan was right about one thing, though: "it is very difficult to go hand in hand together with clenched fists." It's even harder when that fist is holding a police truncheon that has been raised in anger and disrespect against gay people.

It takes more than lip service to a popular issue like AB101, one ride in a parade and a questionable record to be mayor in this "beautiful, vibrant open city" that we share. Frank Jordan for Mayor? We don't think so.

Scott Hester & Ed Bedard
San Francisco

Eat The Rich

Today's *SF Chronicle* carried a story on mayoral candidate Frank Jordan's recommendations regarding the homeless which chilled me to the marrow! Buzz-phrases like "centralized processing of transients," or "screen the people who come to San Francisco," are reminiscent of Nazism or fascism. "Screening" the people who come to San Francisco would necessitate installing highway check-points and the policing of airports, train and bus terminals in order to distinguish between decent, law-abiding, employed citizens and hordes of homeless hell-bent on straining our welfare rolls! Of course, what does one expect from a cop? I'm surprised he doesn't suggest that we just take them out and shoot them or put them into concentration camps where they can be indoctrinated into the proper "American Way" and then trained to make them employable. Art Agnos' solution. typical of most bleeding-heart liberals, to "just throw $30 to $40 million at the problem and then it will go away," is equally ludicrous. Complex social problems are not solved by simple solutions. The majority of homeless are mentally-ill and/or alcohol/drug-addicted. The seeds of the homeless problem, at least in this state, were sown when Ronald Reagan, as Governor, released thousands of mentally ill patients from our state hospitals because we could no longer afford to "treat" them! Like many San Franciscans, I, too, am sick of not being able to walk a block in this city without being accosted for money, cigarettes, and so forth. There are moments when I lose track of my own humanity and think (to myself) that the next person who asks me for something is going to get his throat slit! But then I remember a time when I was homeless myself, living in a tent in GG Park. The crux of the problem is that the rich get richer BECAUSE the poor get poorer. If the J. Paul Gettys of this world, who have enough cash to wallpaper their lovely houses with thousand dollar bills, would expend some of their resources to come up with a solution, I would feel less ashamed to be a participant in a social and economic system that is based on the continued oppression of minorities, the perpetration of a corrupt police-state, and a total lack of compassion or empathy from the wealthy few who have the power to institute change but whose decency and humanity have been compromised by such disproportionate wealth. The entire system needs to be smashed and the rich should be ground up and turned into kibbles-and-bits!

John S. Connolly III
San Francisco

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

ACT UP marched in the Parade to demand that Agnos sop giving lip service to needle exchange and to declare a state of emergency to legalize exchange in San Francisco.

ACT UP/SF Campaigns For Needle Exchange

Needle exchange has been proven one of the most effective measures to stop the spread of AIDS among injection drug users, as part of a comprehensive harm reduction plan. Clean hypodermic needles are issued free of charge in exchange for used ones,

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thereby avoiding needle sharing, one of the most common forms of HIV transmission. There are needle exchange programs around the world, and in towns as small as Tacoma, Washington. In San Francisco, needle exchange is illegal, largely due to the apathy of the mayor, who perceives it as an issue that won't win him votes and may hurt him down the road.

Far from accusations or practicing knee-jerk activism, ACT UP/SF has been working on AIDS issues affecting injection drug users for years, and has been supportive of the illegal needle exchange group Prevention Point since its inception. Early this year we decided the time was right to make a strong push to get needle exchange legalized in San Francisco. Matt Coles, a highly respected ACLU attorney, wrote an opinion a year ago in the form of a memo to the City Attorney's office outlining how San Francisco could legally take measures to override state paraphernalia laws. Article 3110.5 of the California Public Health & Safety Code grants the highest ranking medical officer in individual counties the discretion to use "such means as may be necessary" to protect the public health from infectious disease. This law was invoked during the City's mid-eighties campaign to close down the bathhouses.

Both Mayor Agnos and City Attorney Louise Renne showed little interest in pursuing this avenue, due to their high-profile political ambitions. ACT UP/SF's campaign centered on educating the Gay and Lesbian community and putting pressure on Agnos. On June 1, a letter of demands was sent to Agnos, informing him that we would take up the issue at the Gay & Lesbian Pride Parade unless he took action within 30 days. Agnos immediately began making grandiose pronouncements to the media about his support for needle exchange, but passing the buck to the state and taking no action himself.

Ideally, needle exchange is a state issue, but getting the existing law changed on a state level is a huge undertaking with slim chances of success. Agnos was given a mandate by the people of San Francisco two years ago when Proposition O passed, recommending the decriminalization of possessing syringes. Given the scope of the epidemic, there is no excuse for not doing everything possible on the local level.

Getting no direct response from Agnos, we set up a meeting with Health Commissioner Raymond Baxter for June 26. Agnos and Renne showed up to the meeting unannounced and painted fevered worst-case scenarios of what could happen if the City went ahead with Matt Coles' plan. Eventually they agreed to have a committee of lawyers research the matter, but fell short of committing to go ahead with it.

We decided to use the Parade as a vehicle to press the needle exchange issue because Gays and Lesbians are the one AIDS-impacted community with any political clout (at least in San Francisco). We have a responsibility to speak out for people like injection drug users who have no political voice. While the community is not of one mind on anything, there *is* overwhelming support for this issue, and using our Parade in an election year was the most effective way we had of putting pressure on Agnos.

Our plan was to march in front of him through the entire parade, distributing flyers with a message supporting needle exchange for spectators to hold up as Agnos drove by. As expected, our action drew strong support from the crowd and Agnos' people were visibly squirming. We have been accused of holding up the parade, but actually the Agnos people refused to march with us right in front of them, and stopped in their tracks until we were a quarter mile ahead. *They* stopped the parade. We conducted brief die-ins every seven minutes, as we have always done in the past, to honor our dead and dramatize the scope of the AIDS crisis.

As we conducted our final die-in, we realized that the grandstands (where all the media were focussed) had been packed with Agnos supporters charged with booing us and making thumbs-down gestures for the cameras. It turned out that some PWAs were denied access to the grandstands so this cheap spectacle could go forth. Trivializing the grief and devastation that AIDS has wreaked on our community for his own political gain is a new low for Agnos' sleazy tactics.

Our campaign for needle exchange has only just begun. Agnos needs Gay and Lesbian votes, and he must earn them by taking *action* on our issues, rather than blowing around empty rhetoric. Thank you to everyone who supported us on Pride Day, and to ACT UP/Golden Gate, who gave up their spot in the parade to march with us and press the needle exchange issue, showing a unified and committed AIDS activist movement in San Francisco.

ACT UP/San Francisco

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

"L'Amour, Toujours L'Amour"—the SF Gay Men's Chorus performance extraordinaire, last month at Herbst Theatre in San Francisco.

Grandstand Boos

I cannot hold back my feelings about the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade, and what it was like in the Grandstand Seating.

As a person who has been disabled with AIDS Related Complex I would not have attended the Parade this year had it not been for the gift of two tickets for me and my lover for the Grandstand Seating from the Shanti Project. My ability to stand and walk has become limited and these tickets made it possible to get a seat.

At the point in the Parade when the demonstrators stopped in front of the Grandstand I too began to call out with the demonstrators, "Act Up, Fight Back, Fight AIDS"and was then stunned to hear hissing and booing from the Grandstand! I suddenly felt I was in some bizarre Jesse Helms cheering section and was deeply saddened by what I heard spoken from some individuals in the stands.

Could it be my lover and I were seated in a Socially or Medically restricted section?

After living in San Francisco for over 21 years and having mourned the loss of 36 friends, when I think back on Parade Day 1991, the people in the Grandstand and their comments about "decency" and "propriety" regarding the demonstrators, I am appalled.

To paraphrase Mr. Larry Kramer, AIDS is a rude disease and we must often deal with it rudely.

With the death toll mounting daily I was stunned to hear and see such vocal apathy at the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade.

If I am able to attend the Parade in 1992, my lover and I will bring folding chairs and sit by the curb to avoid the seemingly elitist Grandstand Seating.

Michael T. Roper
San Francisco

Topless At The Parade

Sisters and Brothers, it was with great excitement and joy that I participated in the SF Lesbian and Gay Pride Celebration this past weekend. Returning for a visit to California after living the past two years in New Mexico inevitably exhilarates me and restokes my determination to catalyze change in other parts of the country that still need it. Attending the parade was definitely the high point of my visit. I was surprised at the rush of feelings I experienced as Dykes on Bikes kicked off the Parade with their dynamic strength, dignity, diversity and enthusiasm. As the procession of wonderful wimmin went past, awesome in its sheer size, tears came to my eyes. I felt deeply how strong and beautiful our lesbian community is, and how important it is for us to be proudly out on the streets, in all our glory.

Nothing will take that sensation away from me, yet as the wimmin drove past I noticed how many of them who otherwise had their beautiful breasts exposed had their nipples covered over with stickers or black tape. Some wimmin had unique responses to the "problem" of how to cover their nipples, like the womon whose upper body was painted like a rainbow pride flag. I didn't realize that it was some kind of policy that wimmin at the Parade should cover their nipples until I removed my shirt myself and walked along the Parade route. Many people seemed "tit"-illated to see a bare-chested womon—though I am by no means impressive in that respect. Many took pictures. And one safety monitor (male) urged me to place band-aids over my nipples to avoid hassles with the police. As if wimmin's nipples, and not men's, are sore spots that must be covered! (His was the only harassment I experienced.)

There are so many issues that our community faces, yet this is one I've never yet heard discussed. It is a basic and blatant double standard in our society at large that men may easily go topless, yet to expose her nipples is a crime for a womon. I used to feel that if I were ever arrested for being topless, I'd take my case to the Supreme Court and be vindicated by a ruling that would uphold gender equality under the law. The Court's recent oppressive ruling on topless dancing, using language that confuses traditional moralistic codes with legal tenets, shattered that ambition. This is an issue that will have to be dealt with, instead, on the streets. And I urge the lesbian and gay community to take up this issue at its gatherings and celebrations.

I specifically suggest that wimmin celebrate by removing their shirts if they so desire (don't forget the suntan lotion!), that men respect and support them in this, and that event organizers allow wimmin to decide what they will or will not expose.

As a womon, most of the time I do not feel safe *at all* being topless in public. As a lesbian, I appreciate celebrating my *being* a free, womon-loving womon at events like the Parade by *acting* free. When the weather is as warm as it was Sunday, it's natural to feel like shedding your shirt. If I'd censored my self-expression from fear of the cops, what pride would I be celebrating?

Wimmin are beautiful, top to toe. The continued mystification of wimmin's breasts enforced by the "legal" code—enables men, gay and straight, to keep objectifying us as objects of fear and/or desire. It also keeps wimmin from knowing themselves and each other in our intact natural strength and beauty.

Thank you, San Francisco, for such a strong expression of our diverse community. Let's not compromise in our continuing quest for equality.

Jane Sooby
Las Cruces, New Mexico

Photo by Rink

Henri Lelon is sworn in as the first openly gay American Legion Commander.

Taking Back the Milk Club

Each of us belonged to the Milk Club for many years. We were supporters of Art Agnos in his first run for mayor. Like many in the lesbian, gay and bisexual community, however, we have become disillusioned with Agnos, his ruthless style of politics, and his lip service to our community.

Because of Agnos' stranglehold over Milk Club operations, we let our memberships lapse. We were angry when Agnos packed our Club to force an endorsement for his ballpark. We were outraged when Agnos loaded up the club with his appointees in an unsavory attempt to elect his staff and supporters as Club officers.

Contrary to press reports, we are not all new members who simply joined the Milk Club to endorse Richard Hongisto for mayor. We returned to fight for our Club, our voices, and our community's agenda.

We did not pack the Milk Club, we unpacked it.

For too long, the Milk Club has submerged its progressive voice in deference to the mayor's political ambitions. We were kept from questioning Agnos' policies, or differing with him on crucial issues facing our community: AIDS funding, HIV early intervention centers, needle exchange, domestic partners registration, the appointment of Archbishop Quinn to the Mayor's HIV Task Force, safe space for women, police sweep of the Castro, gay sanctuary, beating of Dolores Huerta, and more.

We did not work to elect Agnos as mayor only to transfer control of our community's agenda to him. It is pathetic that the Agnos Health Commission fought against HIV early intervention centers to care for the 35,000 seropositive people. It is unacceptable for Agnos to claim he supports gay empowerment when he works to defeat major gay candidates—starting with Harvey Milk and leading up to Carole Migden. It is demeaning for Agnos to insist we limit the community's agenda out of obligation to him for the seven gays on his staff of 150. It is appalling when Agnos appointees spend six months of Club meetings attacking our president for pursuing our gay rights agenda, not Agnos'.

Art Agnos has been packing the Harvey Milk Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club for four years. He's packed it with his deputy mayors, deputy press secretary, bodyguard, driver, and even his driver's wife. Gay people simply unpacked it. We're lesbian, gay and bisexual people fighting for our lives, our voices, and our community. Get used to it, Art Agnos.

John Wahl, Maggi Rubenstein, Alan Weaver
Allen Wallenmeyer, and Jon Arnowitz

Ireland's Gay National Hero

Gay Americans should pause on August 3rd to honor the 75th anniversary of the death of

humanitarian and "traitor" Sir Roger Casement.

Physical-force nationalists within the Irish Republican Brotherhood in Ireland and within the Clan-na-Gael in the United States seized the involvement of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in World War I for application of the military philosophy: "England's difficulty is Ireland's opportunity." Thus, a rising to end Britain's colonization of Ireland was planned for Eastertide 1916.

As the Clan-na-Gael's envoy to Germany, Casement's mission was to secure German arms and to recruit an Irish brigade from Irish prisoners-of-war in Germany. Because of the inadequate quality of secured arms and because only 53 Irish prisoners-of-war volunteered to desert their wartime English, Welsh and Scottish comrades-in-arms, Casement judged his mission a failure. Returning to Ireland on a German submarine to persuade the revolutionary leaders in Dublin to cancel the rising, he was arrested by security forces only hours after his landing on the County Kerry coast on Good Friday.

The militarily disastrous rising took place on Easter Monday, April 24, 1916, but the Dubliners vocally and angrily disowned the Easter risers.

By shooting 15 of the Dublin leaders and by putting Casement on trial for treason in London, the British government stupidly canonized these 16 men as martyrs for the Irish Cause and retroactively tranformed the Easter Rising into the very symbol of a free and independent Ireland.

To prevent the Archbishop of Canterbury, Irish-American President Woodrow Wilson, and other celebrities from winning a reprieve for Casement because of his previous exposure of Belgian colonial atrocities in the Congo (which had gained him his Knighthood), the British government quietly circulated excerpts from Casement's diary which exposed him as "a practicing homosexual."

Although some courageous voices, such as George Bernard Shaw, were raised for clemency, the American administation kept an official silence. Casement was hung at Pentonville Jail in London on August 3, 1916, and then was buried in its courtyard.

With British Labor Prime Minister Harold Wilson's authorization, Sir Roger Casement's body was finally exhumed from its ignoble grave on February 23, 1965, to fulfill Casement's dying wish to be buried in his native Ireland. He now rests among other Irish immortals in Dublin's Glasnevin Cemetery—Ireland's gay national hero.

James Francis Gibbons
San Leandro

Man/Boy Love

An Open Letter To The Gay And Lesbian Community On Man/Boy Love:

I am writing to express my opinion at the homophobic acts and attitudes within the lesbian and gay community against the North American Man/Boy Love Association (NAMBLA). Yes, I am making an accusation of homophobia and bigotry. The talk around town, mostly gay radio and within the *San Francisco Gay and Lesbian Freedom Day Parade* organizers was whether they should be allowed to march. As far as I'm concerned, they are a gay organization and should be able to march. This was not only my view, but that of two 16-year-olds near me who exploded with excitement when NAMBLA marched in front of them during the Parade.

FIRST, the lesbian community seems divided in two: women who love women, and women who hate men. The first group doesn't seem to have a problem with consensual sex between men and boys, the latter does. I am a gay man because I love men, not because I hate women. The bigotry and ignorance that gave us such catchy phrases as "Dead Men Don't Rape" now attacks man/boy love as child molesting. I suppose you could make an argument that all sex between men and women is rape, but most educated people would disagree with such a narrow-minded statement. This same attitude exists with man/boy love, that ALL sex is bad, that ALL sex is child molesting—it is not. There is a great difference between kidnaping and raping a child at knife point, and a loving, consensual relationship between a man and a boy. Some people can't see that difference, or won't.

SECOND, the male gay community is so afraid of being called child molesters that we have isolated ourselves from children. In particular we have abandoned our own, gay youth. We have forgotten that before we became gay men, we were gay youths. In my case my homosexuality surfaced when I was 11 years old—I wanted boys and I wanted men. For me love was not traumatic; if anything, it gave me self-esteem. How many gay men would have wanted to have a love affair with a man when we were 14? How many lesbian 15-year-olds want to love and be loved by an adult woman? It seems to me that gay men have been neutered by what lesbians and society think is politically correct regarding man/boy love. We need to stand up and say "Yes I sucked cock when I was 14 and I liked it!" And we need to accept that if consensual sex is not wrong for adults, then consensual sex is not wrong. I can find no reason a child (-18) can't have a loving emotional and sexual relationship with an adult (+18)—as long as it is a consensual relationship. Yes, child abuse exists, incest, rape, kidnaping, and murder. But, that is not consensual nor is it loving. Man/boy-love is not child abuse; what it is can best be described by the younger partner than by me. This is what a 16-year-old has to say; you will find the complete text in *One Teenager in Ten,* chapter 13: *...I have been gay since I was twelve. I had known my dance teacher 3 years before he brought me out [he was 23]. I was very attracted to him when I first saw him, and from then on I grew to be more and more in love with him...[The youth then describes a passionate and rather explicit sexual relation].*

Are American gay youths so stupid and mentally deprived that at 16 they can be manipulated by men into sexual acts they don't wish to participate in? Canadian youths must be smarter, after all, Canada recently dropped the age-of-consent to 14 years, like that of France and other European countries. Denmark's age-of-consent is now 12 years for certain acts. Does that mean that if a 12 year-old Dane has sex with a 17 year-old American, the younger boy is a child molester? I would love to hear what gay youth has to say on whether they feel they have a right to have sex before they turn 18.

Let me explain reality to you. When a man has sex with a man, or when a boy has sex with a boy, that is homosexuality. When a man has sex with a boy, that too is homosexuality. If force or coercion of any kind is used, that is child abuse; if it's loving and consensual, that is boy love. We must fight hatred and bigotry against ALL homosexuals, and we must not be guilty of bigotry ourselves.

W. Mills
San Francisco

P.S. It is not my intent to insult lesbians; there are many women who understand and support boy love and woman/girl love. So let me apologize to those lesbians who support consensual love, and apologies for my sense of humor too.

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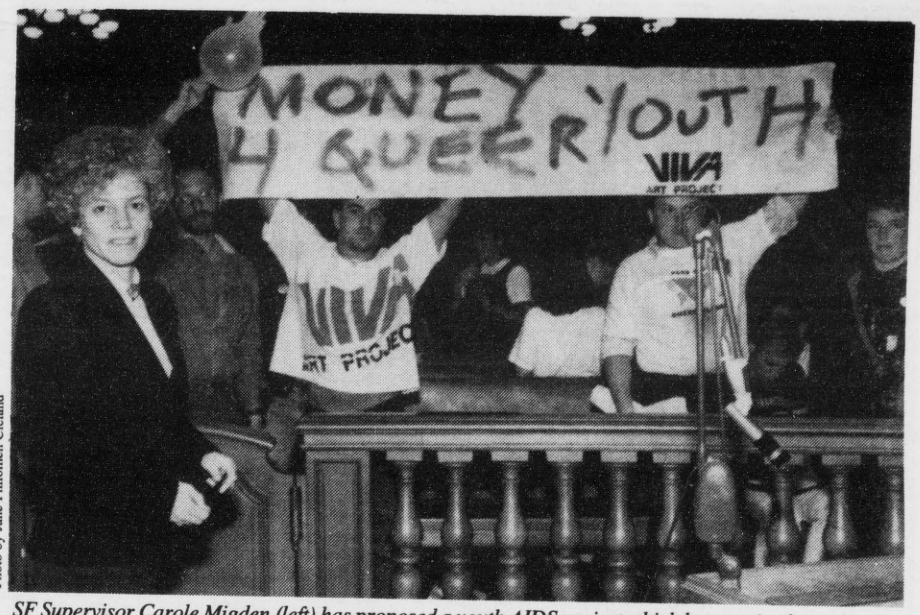
Last month's "Brother to Brother" booksigning and reading brought together contributors Essex Hamphill (left), Marlon Riggs and Alan Miller



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SF Supervisor Carole Migden (left) has proposed a youth AIDS project which has received popular support in the community, but has run into problems getting approval from the Board. As SF Bay Times goes to press, the budget remains in limbo.

Owens...

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and no redevelopment funds? Hunters Point." At the Board meeting on July 25, Murray railed at the Board for ignoring the needs of the facility: "Are you scared you may accidentally save some Black lives?"

Jackson says, "The city is designing a failure for the campus. Things are taken away. We started the home health aide services program. The program was moved to another school. The resident management program will start in September, but downtown, not at Hunters Point. It's not geared to the residents of the community. Most of our people are going to other areas now. It's all political. [Dobelle's] bringing in people who are not qualified. It's not just Black people, but other people who got sacked and put out to pasture. If you're really interested in what people want, they get rid of you. The Chancellor hasn't listened to anything the community wants."

Owens came into a messy situation at Southeast and had worked hard to establish relations with the surrounding community. Murray says, "The community has gotten a chance to see her work. The fruits had just gotten ready to blossom. She was at work at eight in the morning. That made other people work harder. She gave new energy to people. It's phenomenal." Jackson says, "She has a relationship with the community. She's doing innovative things at the college."

Just who is being served by Owens' removal is hard to say. Racial politics came into play. Wolfred says Owens, who is Native American-Portuguese, knew she would not be in the position permanently, because "there was pressure for an African American head" of the site. Jackson responds, "That's a lie. As a commission, we sent a letter saying we wanted Juanita Owens to stay at Southeast and be appointed as Director."

McGriff says her chief concern is that the Director is someone "able to walk the streets and not be afraid to go into the projects and relate to the community. I believe [the Director] probably should be Black." Asked about the desires of the people of Hunters Point-Bayview, Dobelle and Burton both referred *SF Bay Times* to Marquis, who is African American and from the Hunters Point area.

Marquis says that while he is originally from Hunters Point, he has not taken a special interest in the Southeast campus. Jackson points out that Marquis "was elected citywide, not as a representative of Black concerns." Dobelle praised Owens' replacement, Gloria Crosson, who is African American, as being "extraordinary" for the position due to her nursing and small business background.

At the July 25 Board meeting, Murray faced Crosson, who was sitting in the audience, and said, "Sister, I am not here to fight you—that's the new politics, that you bring in someone Black and we have to fight another Black." McGriff's assessment of Crosson is, "She's competent. I'm sure she'll do her job."

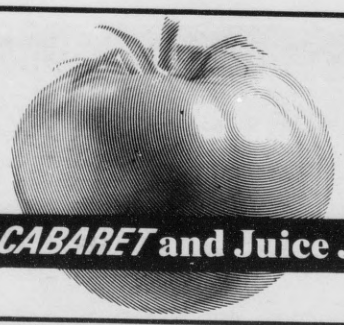
When asked about Owens' performance, Dobelle commented, "Juanita's done a capable job at Southeast," but, "there were too many non-credit, not enough credit offerings." Jackson retorts, "Before Juanita, there were no credit courses. It became a campus under Juanita Owens. You couldn't say it was Juanita Owens' fault. She came in and changed the whole thing around." Jackson concluded, of Owens, "She was bumped. She was not a yes-woman. She knew the convictions of the community, and she worked for them."

One of the sore points was a culinary program for the campus. According to Murray, "Juanita had done a lot of work on it so that it would come" to the Southeast campus. In looking into this, Dobelle consulted the commission. The conclusion was, Murray says, "They want to offer us 25 spots at City College instead of our own program." He added, "With the new Chancellor, they don't call it community colleges anymore. The community no longer plays a part in the college."

Dobelle contends that "they had $300,000 [in Kopp funds] for a kitchen...The total expenditure would be $700,000 for 25 students for non-credit classes. I have a difficult time saying we'll spend $700,000 to educate 25 students without credit." Jackson counters, "With the old Chancellor, we thought we had an understanding it would be credit classes. They see things differently. We had a *million* dollars, not $300,000." Dobelle, asked if he is responsive to community concerns, replied "I certainly listen to them. The nice thing about City College of San Francisco is that we are one college now. I care about children and young people—and they don't want dead end jobs at Burger King."

Whatever the resolution to Owens' situation, the larger issue of the college's priorities is at stake. One anonymous administrator says, "I don't know if I'll have a job. There is fear here." McGriff says, "The college is not healthy. It can't be a healthy environment with that many people feeling that way." As if to underline the new hardline tactics, a resolution was put forward at the July 25 Board meeting effectively eliminating due process for administrators who want to contest assignments. Although the resolution was tabled and sent to the Personnel Committee, college employees see a chilling trend in this challenge to their rights: "a loss of humanity," as one put it.

One bright spot is that the show of support for Owens on July 25 may spell the beginning of a coalition effort between members of the African American and lesbian and gay communities, if the networking outside the meeting is any indication. If so, Southeast may be in for a fierce struggle. Murray's parting shot to the Board was, "This community has fought for everything we've gotten."



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ASTROLOGY

BY JACK FERTIG

Avant Retro

This month Mercury and Venus enter a ditzy dance of delight. Imagine the Goddess manifest as Gracie Allen and you have a fair idea of what August holds. Shifts and changes will be a bit maddening if you try to take them too seriously. A sense of humor will get you through it all marvelously.

It can be a bit confusing and difficult, especially if you try to hold to the schedule and program you've determined that this month "should" follow. This is a month to step back and be open to changes. Re-evaluate, review and regroup.

At the beginning of this month Venus and Mercury are both in Virgo. Venus in Virgo helps to make work situations more pleasant and cooperative; Mercury in Virgo brings out our critical abilities. Together they would ideally support our abilities to give and accept constructive criticism graciously and make teamwork all the more efficient. "Ideally" indeed, but let's work at it, especially the parts about "accept" and "graciously." Less enlightened individuals will unwittingly (or otherwise) perform Margo Channing impressions and become very wearisome very quickly.

Venus turns retrograde on the first, Mercury on the seventh. Here's where the fun begins. Recent mistakes, especially social errors and aesthetic misjudgments will come to light—and we're not talking nice, soft, gentle, indirect, indoor lighting. Kliegs and spots will shine viciously on all the self-conscious little errors of your ways. Fortunately indeed this is mostly just self-conscious preoccupation. Nobody else notices your faults as intensely as you do. Perhaps the best you can do right now is a thorough housecleaning. Get out the big plastic bags and tear through your closets for stuff to dump. Donate what you can to charity and just shitcan the rest!

This Virgoan self-criticism becomes even more self-obsessed as Mercury backs into Leo on the 19th and Venus does likewise on the 21st. Now the Virgoan tendency to hide in quiet shame while trying desperately to rectify the situation shifts to the Leonine enthusiasm for public display. Imagine your best friend running up to you on the street and shrieking: "Oh, God! This fuchsia and chartreuse muumuu I bought in Hawaii looks hideous on me, doesn't it?" And indeed, the poor dear looks like Barnum and Bailey on acid, but what can you say? And all this while you're introducing your mother to your boss. Little scenes like this are very Venus-conjunct-Mercury-retrograde-in-Leo.

To avoid such embarrassing scenes, take time out to indulge creative hobbies, to review and study techniques rather than to be more proactively creative. I, for example, would review and edit what work I've done on my novel rather than to write new chapters.

Mercury turns direct on the 31st; Venus on September 13. Life shall once again be filled with sweetness and light. If you've done the retrograde thing correctly, you will have a clean, light, fresh feeling similar to that which follows the day after an enema.

ARIES: This month promises to be fun, but don't act like you know the rules of the game. *Au contraire*. It could be an enjoyable madcap of improvisation. On the other hand you could get self-righteous about things not going the way you want. (They absolutely won't go the way you want!) Then they'll get worse. Save yourself the headaches. Treat the month as an excursion through a wonderland of Murphy's law and all its corollaries. Accept all the mishaps with humor and grace. The only thing you can control now is your attitude, but if you can do that effectively, none of the rest will matter.

TAURUS: For you this could easily be the month of re-decorators from Hell. It's time for a change in the home scene, and you want desperately to make the improvements that seem so desperately necessary. This is indeed a good time to consider changes that need to be made, but don't take actual steps until mid-September. Communications with housemates and family are bound to be a bit screwy, with everybody trying to be nice, but not succeeding in being effective. You're bound to get lots of "helpful" suggestions regarding "adult child" groups. It may be a real issue in your life; it may just be these retrograde planets. Reviewing family history will, in any case, prove illuminating.

GEMINI: Thank G-d you have a good sense of humor! It seems that nothing you say comes out quite as you intend. You may want to keep a notebook handy to record your various malaprops and spoonerisms. Some of them will indeed prove hilarious, if only in retrospect. Your natural instinct, now more than ever, is to be gracious and considerate in your communications, but efforts to be gentle can backfire. Your efforts at diplomacy could easily create more confusion and stress than they will relieve. Take into account that you are more than usually gracious right now; let that work automatically as you speak out directly to the issues at hand.

CANCER: Your money situation is in for some rollicking changes, but even though you can expect some unsettling news from your accountant, banker or the IRS, you can count on things to work out for the best. Accept the other party as someone who wants to rectify the situation. It won't be easy at first—in fact it can be pretty annoying at least, or even downright scary. Be forthright and honest. Don't fight; don't resist; don't be a drama queen about it. Just admit to any mistakes you did make. Be gracious and non-committal about those you don't believe you're responsible for. Have faith that it will work out to your advantage in the end.

LEO: Normally outspoken and generous with your intentions, you are now much too much so for your own good. You may feel that you can't do enough for others. There's a twelve step program for this sort of thing, but not if it's just a temporary situation. Invite a few friends over to play with fashions and styles, or silly word games. But be sure it's a few good friends you can really trust! Making a fool of yourself is inevitable this month, so roll with the punches in good humor. Think twice before opening your mouth and let people talk as they will. What's worse, really? The possibility that they are referring to you, or the possibility that they aren't? *Happy Birthday: Keith Folger, John Siracusa, David Cherveny, Sam Leftwich, Darrel Haven and Ron Walent!*

VIRGO: As you know all too well, life isn't fair. To make things especially annoying right now, there's a party going on inside your head and you weren't invited. Crash it. Call it "old tapes" or "the committee" if you like, but you'd find that lots of people have these annoying internal voices to deal with. Whenever they get at you, get right back at them— although you may not want innocent bystanders to eavesdrop on your end of these conversations. This can also be a great month for charitable service. Help out where you can do some good and you'll find the experience a great opportunity to develop wit and grace. *Happy Birthday: Terry Galbraith and Adam Richmond!*

LIBRA: What is going on with your friends these days? If it's any consolation, they don't know either. A lot of mixed signals are just to be expected right now. People are trying too hard to be too nice to too many people. You know about trying to please everyone...! Your company and your words are welcome in political circles, but that could lead you to ill-considered moves. The fact that people do like you a great deal could tempt you into a competition or maneuver that would have you stepping all over all the wrong toes. Better to be just as sweet and lovely as you are and let others take the lead for now.

SCORPIO: You're generally known for deeper, sturdier virtues than wit and grace, but you project these qualities very strongly right now. This is a good time to see how such *bonhomie* can serve your career, but for now you're likely to learn from mistakes. Alas, you do not usually do well with minor setbacks and moderate strategies, but these are exactly what you need to work on to make the best of the current retrogrades. This is one of those situations that could just be a little annoying but potentially amusing. Your determined and compulsive qualities could make it a thorough disaster. Easy does it! Stop, breathe and stay adaptable. You could even turn minor setbacks to great victories.

SAGITTARIUS: If you're going on a trip this month leave your itinerary very open. Anything

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■ THURSDAY

The Edlos, "the bad boys of a capella," in an outdoor concert at SF's Ghirardelli Square. 6 pm. Don't miss!

Gay Men's Sketch: Drop-in male figure drawing group. Classical nude modeling, 7 pm, $12. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 205. Info: 621-6294.

Female Tit Play Class with Jenne Blade. Jenne discusses & demonstrates many different types of play, including abrasion, whipping, clamps, temporary piercing, hot & cold sensations. Men & women (over 21) of all sexual orientations are welcome! Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm in a private SF space. $15. Part of QSM's series of artistic & educational projects for the s/m community. Info/location: 550-7776.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: Twelve-Stepping, a discussion of 12-step programs & experiences, led by Lynette. For directions/info call Marilyn (415) 969-1260 or Lynn (408) 723-4196. All women are welcome!

Hunter Davis plays the Freight & Salvage tonight, with Joe New & Friends. 8 pm, 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: 548-1761.

Anne Bluthenthal & Dancers present two mixed-repertory performances in their debut at SF's Theater Artaud. 8 pm tonight & tmw, part of Theater Artaud's Summertime Dance Project. Tix $12 & $10. 450 Florida St at 16th, SF. Info/res: 621-7797, 762-BASS.

Vocalist Cookie Wong & guitarist Mark Zannini in an eve of mellow, intimate jazz, latin & pop; done with humor & wit at Quiet Storm, SF Cannery, SF. 3rd floor. Thurs & Sun 8 pm-midnight; Fri& Sat 9 pm-1 am, thru month. No cover. Info/res: 771-2929.

At Cody's Books: *West* magazine editor Jeffrey Klein, author of *The Black Hole Affair*, a prophetic high-tech novel set in the Silicon Valley underworld of top secret military technology, reads from his work, the result of a year of intensive research interviewing military personnel & workers at weapons labs, manufacturing plants & think tanks. 8 pm. Cody's, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

John Epperson in "The Fabulous Lypsinka Show" at Josie's Cabaret. Lypsinka continues her hit return engagement with a loving & funny homage to the ladies of 50's movie musicals, TV & cabaret. Show runs Tues-Sun at 8 pm thru 8/11, with an added 10 pm show on 8/2 & 9. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. $12. Info/res: 861-7933.

Two August Pilot: Two Thursday evening performances (tonight & 8/29) featuring the work of emerging Bay Area choreographers, presented by NewArt Connections & the Margaret Jenkins Dance Company School. Tonight's program features works by Michael True, Andy Meier, Sue Roginski, Brenda Stine & Michelle Stortz. 8/29 program features works by Julie McDonald, Stephanie Scheuber, Tony Coray, Diane Shields, James Aarons & Erica Essner. 8 pm, $5 tix at door, to reserve in advance (last year's performances were sold out) call 863-9834. New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St, SF.

Brazilian Music at Bahia Brasil with *Lena Mariano Trio*. 8 pm-midnight. 600 Beach St, SF. Info: 931-8720.

Wise Fool Puppet Benefit: Benefit for Wise Fool Puppet Intervention, a community-based theatre group promoting social change, with artists Terry Sendgraff, Nao Bustamante, Jules Jonas Beckman, Laura Plotkin, Christina Lewis, K Ruby & others. 8:30 pm tonight at the Julian Theatre at 777 Valencia St, SF; and tmw at the Motivity Ctr, 2547 8th St in Berkeley, at 8:30 pm. Tix: $5-500 at door, no one turned away for lack of funds.

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■ FRIDAY

Gente De Ambiente Unida Health & Leadership Conference, a statewide Latino/a conference on health & leadership, today & tmw at the Holiday Inn/ Golden Gateway, 1500 Van Ness, SF. Conference's purpose is to further address & develop Latino/a health & leadership in the following areas: HIV prevention, training for caregivers & health-care providers, empowerment & leadership skills training. Keynote speakers include: Delia Alvarez, Santa Clara County director of Public Health; Margarita Benitez, Oakland health consultant & Joe Perez of AIDS Project LA; Maria Pedrosa of Mission Health Ctr; Barbara Garcia, director of Salud Para La Gente and Tomas Soto, president of Gay & Lesbian Latinos Unidos; and Bishop Agustin Sicard, PhD, abbot of the Good Samaritan Ministers, a Catholic order in San Antonio, Texas. 28 workshops offered on a wide variety of issues including HIV, death & dying, holistic healing, spirituality, drag politics, lesbian sexuality, writing & creativity, and more. Also special caucuses for men, women & clergy. For info/reg: Dr Fernando Gutierrez, conference coordinator: (415) 878-9096, (408) 248-7194.

TGIF "B" Street in San Mateo, with Mid-Peninsula BACW (Bay Area Career Women). 5:30-9 pm today & 8/16, 30. $4.

Dark Carnival All-Star 15th Anniversary Party: The Dark Carnival, the world's largest store for imaginative fiction, celebrates its 15th year with over 50 writers including Kathy Acker, Karen & Poul Anderson, Francesca Lia Block, Marion Zimmer Bradley, Karen Joy Fowler, Lisa Goldstein, Janet Gluckman, Karen Haber, Barry Harrington, Richard Kadrey, Fritz Leiber, Lisa Mason, Pat Murphy, Ray Faraday Nelson, Diana Paxson. Michaela Roessner-Herman, Robert Silverberg, Jack Vance, Lisa Waters, Tad Williams & Chelsea Quinn Yarbro, plus agent Laurie Harper, staff of *Mondo 2000* magazine, Vale, Andrea Juno, the *RE-search Magazine* staff, Indecent Exposure (Berkeley's live Rocky Horror cast) and special inhuman guests—the Vivarium Animals. Plus Mondo videos, refreshments. 6 pm, free. 2978 Adeline St, Berkeley. Info: 845-7757, 845-7758 or dial THE-DARK for a recording.

Lesbian/Gay Partner Dancing Class: 4-wk focus on salsa & cha-cha. Beginners 7-8:30 pm, intermediates 8:30-10 pm. tonight & 8/9, 23, 30 at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St nr 11th, SF. $40 adv, $45 first day of class. Info: Gene 621-8441.

Jazz/Yogic Chants/Blues/Classical Guitar with Juanita Rukmini Oribello at Mama Bears. 8 pm, $6-8. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.

At La Pena: Concert of traditional & contemporary music from Iran. Kamran Hooshmand offers new interpretations of traditional Persian tunes. 8 pm, $7. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

Club Dekadence: Fridays at the Endup (tonight & 8/9, 16, 23 & 30). Club specializes in glamour & sleaze. Features the biggest & the best erotic dancers. House & danceable industrial mix. Dj Bugie Matsushita. 9 pm-3:30 am, $5. See you there!

John Epperson in "The Fabulous Lypsinka Show" at Josie's Cabaret. Two shows this evening, see 8/1 listing for details.

New Urban Dance Company in a concert of classical, jazz & modern rock music mixes, with original modern dance theatre. Tonight & tmw at 8 pm at the Dean Lesher Theater, Regional Center for the Arts, Walnut Creek. Info: 943-SHOW.

Anne Bluethenthal & Dancers at Theater Artaud, see 8/1 listing for details.

Wise Fool Puppet Benefit in Berkeley, see 8/1 listing for details.

Cookie Wong & Mark Zannini at Quiet Storm, see 8/1.

Brazilian Dance Music at Bahia Brasil with *Celia Malheiros Trio*. 9 pm-1 am. 600 Beach St, SF. Info: 931-8720.

At El Rio tonight: African & tropic dance grooves with *Nzinga*. 9 pm-2 am, $3. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325. Tonight & 8/16, 23 & 30.

Not Nice Girls: Readings on the Edges of Pornography—A night of satire, politics, fashion & humor with Kris Kovick, Roxxie, Sunah Cherwin, Amy Cheney (femme jock) & Angela Bocage. 10:30 pm, $4 at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St (btwn 19th & 20th), SF.

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■ SATURDAY

Earthworm Composting Class spons by SF League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG) & the SF Dept of Recycling. Learn how to keep earthworms (or red worms) happy, and how to harvest & use some of the best garden fertilizer around. $45 includes an earthworm composting bin & 1,000 worms. Pre-reg necessary, call SLUG at 468-0110. Also see 8/24.

Gente De Ambiente Unida Health & Leadership Conference, see 8/2 listing for details. Final day!

Pt Pinole Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Take I-80 north, exit Hilltop Dr & go west past mall. Turn right on San Pablo Ave, go about 1/2 mile. Turn left onto Atlas Rd, follow to Pt Pinole Park. Meet 9:30 am at parking lot. Parking fee, some free off-street parking before entrance to park. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

Herbal Medicine: A day of exploration in Berkeley's Strawberry Canyon. Spend a leisurely & detailed day exploring the edible & medicinal plants of the Eastbay hills. Gain an understanding of the plants' medicinal actions & healing use. Time provided for quiet intuitive rapport among the weeds, shrubs & trees, plus info on plant lore, history & pharmacology. Bring lunch & drink, some wild food will be served. 10 am-4:30 pm, $20-40 SL fee. Some work study & barter available. Info/reg: Adam Seller 845-4028.

"The Golden Gateway to Gems," SF Gem & Mineral Society's 37th annual show. Two days of award-winning displays, lectures and exhibits. Today 10 am-6 pm, tomorrow 10 am-5 pm. SF County Fair Bldg, 9th Ave & Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park, SF. Tix $3.50, kids under 12 are free when accompanied by an adult. Info: 681-2243.

Coming Out 1-Day Wkshop for Women new to woman-loving identity: Share feelings, fears & joys in a safe, confidential setting. Discuss coming out, homophobia, resources; work on sexual identity issues. Learn more about lesbian culture, community & oppression; begin to create a support network. Appropriate for women in any stage of the coming out process. Mountain View location (40 min south of SF). $35-50 SL fee. Info/reg: Dotty Calabrese 968-1981. Also see 8/4, 11.

New College Weekend BA Degree Completion Program: An interdisciplinary program for working adults which allows you to integrate your personal & political issues with new perspectives on growth & change. In-depth study in the particular area of your choice. Free informational meetings Saturday mornings (today & 8/10, 17, 24, 31), 10:30 am-noon at New College of California, 777 Valencia St btwn 18th & 19th, SF. Call Ruby Neal 626-1694 ext 162, for more info.

Honor Your Intuition: Psychic development class taught by Susan Levitt at Two Sisters Bookshop, Menlo Park. Noon-3 pm. For info call 927-4170.

Celtic Harp Concert with Kim Robertson at Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda at Solano, Berkeley. Doors open at 7:30 pm, concert begins at 8. Tix $8 adv, $10 at door. $5 kids & srs. Info: 945-6351.

Gay & Lesbian Artists Alliance monthly gen'l mtg & potluck: 6-9 pm at Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro St, SF. Info: Steven 863-3353.

Spaghetti Dinner & Auction: Fundraising party for Bay Area Pledge of Resistance. Delicious dinner plus auction of protest memorabilia, art (including Doug Minkler '91 originals), one hour of video time, massages, services & more. Enjoy an evening of fun, food & music, and help the Pledge continue to organize resistance to US military intervention. 6-9 pm, $4-9 SL donation. Mission Neighborhood Center, 362 Capp St, SF. Info: 655-1177.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Readings by author Melissa Kwasny (*Modern Daughters & the Outlaw West*) and poet Patricia Donegan. 7:30 pm, 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431—0891.

Teresa Chandler Concert at Mama Bears. 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.

Joey Ayala & *The Bagong Lumad*, the nationally-acclaimed Phillipine music group, in concert at the Victoria Theatre. 8 pm tonight & 1 pm tomorrow (tomorrow's concert is a benefit for KPFA radio). Tix $15 gen'l, $10 stdnts & srs. Info: 285-7715. 2961 16th St at Mission (across from BART).

John Epperson in "The Fabulous Lypsinka Show" at Josie's, see 8/1.

New Urban Dance Company Concert—see 8/2 listing for details.

Brazilian Dance Music with Lisa Silva at Bahia Brasil, 600 Beach St, SF. 9 pm-1 am. Info: 931-8720.

Cookie Wong & Mark Zannini at Quiet Storm, see 8/1.

Dance Party at La Pena with *Dr Loco's Rockin' Jalapeno Band*. Night of salsa, cumbia, rock, polka & more. 9:30 pm, $8. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's with comics Karen Ripley, Lisa Geduldig & Nora Frala. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16st St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Rock at El Rio with *The Rayn, Hungry for More,* and *Vibe Tribe*. 10 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Bi-Friendly Rocky Horror Show Trip: Scheduled for midnight at UC Theatre, 2036 University Ave, Berkeley. Bring rice, water pistols, flashlights, and other traditional accoutrements. Meet 10 pm at Mel's Drive-In, 2240 Shattuck Ave (Berkeley BART Station), Berkeley. For more info & to arrange carpools back to the City, call Bill 540-0869.

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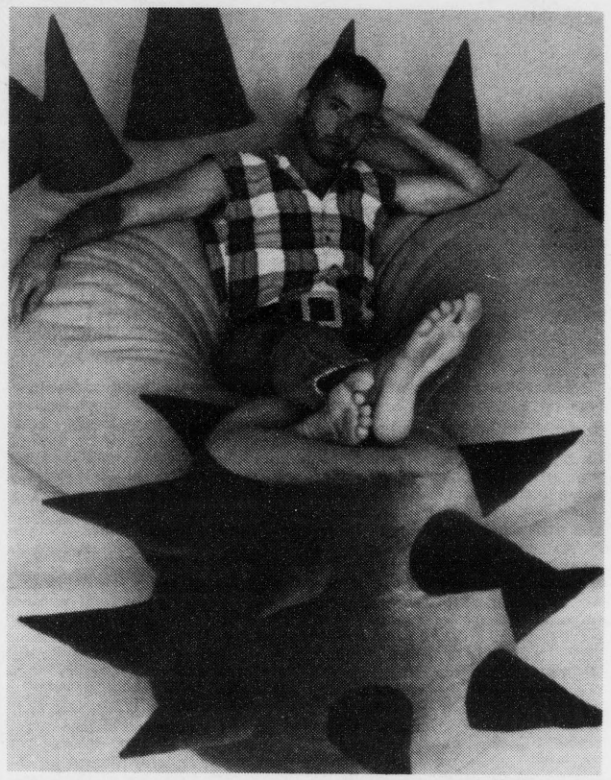
■ SUNDAY

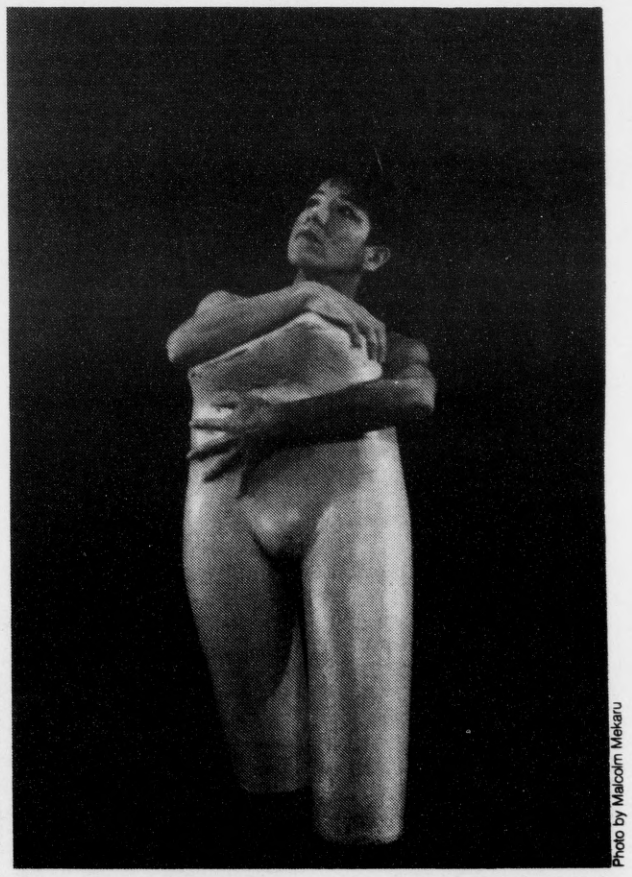
Lake Chabot Hike with SF Hiking Club: From the Bay Bridge, take Hwy 580 to San Leandro, get off at the Estudillo exit. Go two red lights straight ahead on MacArthur Blvd, turn left under the freeway onto Estudillo Street, which becomes Lake Chabot Rd in about 2 blocks. Go for 2.7 miles to Fairmont. Turn left onto Fairmont & start looking for a pleace to park on the road in front of the Lake Chabot Marina sign. Don't

Photo by Jill Posener

Pomo Afro Homos are back at Josie's! Don't miss their "Fierce Love"—see Aug 14 for info.



Artist Mark Paron's works are exhibited at ArtLick. Galleries has details.



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Choreographer Yukie Shiroma performs "One Night Stand," part of "Urban Dweller" at Theater Artaud, Aug 10-11.

Photo by Jane Cleland

"Drag Queens in Outer Space" are on an extended journey at Theatre Rhinoceros thru August 17. OnStage has info.

drive into the park, it'll cost extra. SF travellers meet 9:30 am at the big Safeway sign at Market & Dolores, SF, to carpool; Eastbay travellers meet at 10:30 am at the Marina sign. Moderate 9.5 mile hike around the lake. Total auto roundtrip distance from SF: 50 miles, cost per car is $6 (includes bridge toll), to be shared among passengers. Info: Bob Spence 483-7959.

"Golden Gateway to Gems," 37th annual event spons by the SF Gem & Mineral Society, see 8/3 listing for details. Final day!

Coming Out 1-Day Wkshop for Women new to woman-loving identity. Share feelings, fears & joys in a safe, confidential setting. Discuss body image, roles, being single & dating. Work on sexual identity issues. Learn more about lesbian culture, community & oppression; begin to create a support network. Appropriate for women in any stage of the coming out process. 10 am-4:30 pm, $35-50 SL fee. Info/reg: Dotty Calabrese 968-1981.

Beginning Yoga Classes: 10:30 am-noon Sunday mornings (today & 8/11, 18, 25). Learn yoga for health, pleasure, strength, freedom & balance. No experience necessary. Info/location: Kay 285-9642.

Gay/Lesbians of the Santa Rosa Church of Religious Science meet at 12:15 pm for brunch at the Good Earth in Santa Rosa. For info call Judith (707) 763-6197.

Joey Ayala & *The Bagong Lumad* Phillipine musical ensemble in concert at the Victoria Theatre. Today's performance is a benefit for KPFA radio, see 8/3 listing for details.

GAWK Writers Wkshop: Gay Artists & Writers Kollective monthly discussion group meets 3-6 pm at GLB Publishers Conference Room, 935 Howard St, Ste B, SF. Info: 731-2424.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Poet Sam Ambler (*After The Howl & Other Poems*), finalist in the *Bay Guardian*'s annual poetry contest, reads from new work tonight at 3:30 pm. At 5:30 pm: Sculptor Peter Maxwell presents a sculptural installation of casts made from bee's wax, a mapping out of pain thru a sort of spiritual autobiography. At 7:30 pm: Poetry reading by Tim Moore. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Cuban rhythms at El Rio with *Orquesta Guyacan*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Faith Winthrop sings Cole Porter: An afternoon of Cole Porter selections, with accompanist Gus Gustavson. Part of Old First Concert series. 4 pm, $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. 1751 Sacramento St at Van Ness, SF. Info: 474-1608.

Lesbians Supporting Lesbian S/M meet at 6 pm in Sonoma County. Topic: Talk about our fantasies! For info/location call M, (707) 525-9822.

49+ Birthday Party with Midgett: Come celebrate with Midgett! Potluck with lots of hot music, good food & surprise entertainment. 6-10 pm. Call for location & other info: 648-3658.

BACW Marin BBQ Business Mtg: Come help Bay Area Career Women Marin mind their own business—6-8 pm. Meet new friends, share ribs & soft drinks, have a great time! $3 donation. Bring dish to share. Info/location: Julie 924-2529.

Brazilian Dance Music with Rosan Leao at Bahia Brasil. 7-10 pm, 600 Beach St, SF. Info: 931-8720.

"Expressive Arts Therapy: Imagery & Health," a lecture by Wendy Miller. 7-9 pm. For info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Local contributors to *Brother to Brother*, the popular anthology of writings by Black gay men, read from their work. The editor, poet Essex Hemphill, is joined by contributors filmmaker/essayist Marlon Riggs (*Tongues Untied; Ethnic Notions*) and poet Alan Miller (*At The Club*). 7 pm, $4 to benefit the readers. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Puerto Rico: Women & Resistance—Dr Margarita Mergal, Puerto Rican independence/women's activist, discusses the current situation there, and how colonization affects women. She also discusses her recent interviews with Puerto Rican prisoners of war at Pleasanton prison. Spons by Nat'l Committee to free Puerto Rican POWs. 7:30 pm, $3-5. La Pena, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

At Black Oak Books: Poet/author John Balaban (*Vietnam; The Land We Never Knew* and *Words for My Daughter*) reads from his book *Remembering Heaven's Face: A Moral Witness in Vietnam*. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.

Cookie Wong & Mark Zannini at Quiet Storm, see 8/1.

John Epperson in "The Fabulous Lypsinka Show" at Josie's Cabaret, see 8/1.

5 ■ MONDAY

Intensive Grant Writing Training offered by Alameda County Grant Network. Today thru 8/7, 8 am-5 pm. $325 includes college credit, computer or word processor access, daily continental breakfasts & pm snacks. Intensive training allows you to formulate your own grant application. Enrollment limited to 24 people. Held at Lov-Newark, 37400 Central Court, Newark. Write checks payable to & mail or FAX your registration to Tri-Cities Children's Ctr, 43100 Isle Royal St, Fremont, CA 9453. 490-1155.

Expressive Arts Therapy: Imagery & Health—A Psychosynthesis Approach. A one-week (today thu 8/9, 9:30 am-5:30 pm) summer intensive with Wendy Miller. Study & experience the relationship between expressive arts therapy & psychosynthesis. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Aikido Arts Center Classes: Classes in Aikido, "the martial art of peaceful power". Daily, ongoing classes for women, men & children ages 4-12. Special beginners prgram. Visitors & all levels are welcome! Chief instructor: Jamie Zimron, 4th degree Black Belt. First class is free. 670 South Van Ness Ave at 18th St, SF. Info: 285-2388.

KPFA/Pacifica Radio seeks applicants for its nationally-recognized affirmative action training program. This free, 2-year program offers training in sound production, engineering, editing & audio therory. Open to all women & people of color. Application deadline: 8/19. Info: KPFA 848-6767 extension 220.

SF Police Officer Recruitment Drive: SF Police Dept seeks men & women interested in becoming SF Police Dept officers. No experience necessary. Starting salary: $3,152 per month. Minimum qualifications: SF residency, high school graduate or GED, minimum age 20 (no age limit), US citizen/permanent residency, California Driver's License, no felony convictions. Info: Officer Rose Melendez 553-1999.

Trademark & Name Protection: CALA (Calif Lawyers for the Arts) sponsored workshop. An attorney discusses trademark registration procedures, and the advantages & disadvantages of this form of protection. 5-6:30 pm, $15. Info: CALA 775-7200. Financial Center Building, 405 14th St, corner of Franklin, downtown Oakland. 2nd floor conference room.

Women Writers Wkshop spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 6-8 pm tonight & 8/19 at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Bisexual Social/Adventure Group meets tonight & 5/26 at the Theatre Cafe, North Main & Civic, Walnut Creek. 6:30 pm. For professionals ages 35-55.

Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. 7 pm. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Tonight & 8/12, 19 & 26. For info/calendar: Pierre 753-0687.

Rounds Singing for Women: Learn beautiful rounds of love, work, play, spirit & freedom—for pleasure! Elizabethan, French, African, Appalachian, Latin, Hebrew & Spanish rounds taught, both traditional & contemporary. Haunting harmonies & complex rhythms to make you swoon. No musical experience necessary. Monday eves, 7:15-9 pm. For info/location call Kay 285-9642.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets tonight & 8/19 at the Bison Brewery, 2598 Telegraph at Parker, Berkeley (841-7734). For more info call Susan 524-0574.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets for food, drink & conversation. 7:30 pm at the Bison Brewing Company, 2598 Telegraph Ave at Parker, Berkeley. Bisexuals & all bi-friendly people are welcome, look for our sign. Info: Susan 524-0574.

Jon Sugar Revue at El Rio: 8 pm. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with MC Marilyn Pittman. 8 pm, $4. Performer sign-up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 Mission St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

6 ■ TUESDAY

Summer Dance Workshop for Educators, presented by the Macfarland/Whistler Dance Art Company and Theater Artaud. Tues-Sat 8/6-10 and 13-17, 9 am-12:30 pm. $125 full 10-day series, $75 one week, $15 per day (drop-in, subject to availability, $8 per class (drop-in, subject to availability). Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St, SF. Info: 621-7797.

Coffee, Conversation & Canasta for Women & Men, spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). 1-3 pm at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. This afternoon & 8/13, 20 & 27.

M Butterfly Shanti Benefit: Final show in the Shanti Premiere Series is this controversial play, this performance is a benefit for Shanti. For info call 922-2872.

"Metaphysics Goes to the Movies & sees *Ghost*," a metaphysical film review by Rev Andrew Bozeman at Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. 7 pm. Info: 775-0227.

Paris is Burning: The Gala Premiere of this sizzling film hit, the highly-acclaimed, award-winning (Best Documentary, 1990, LA Film Critics; Best Documentary, 1991, US Film Festival) documentary celebrating New York City's drag subculture. It follows a group of Black & Latino gay men who by day deal with the brutal world of discrimination & poverty, and by night escape into an elaborate, glittering fantasy of dance & drag balls; a documentation of creativity & strength in the face of massive oppression. Evening hosted by comic Marga Gomez & actor (Pomo Afro Homos) Brian Freeman. Also performance by *Paris is Burning*'s voguer extraordinaire Willi Ninja. Director Jennie Livingston will be present, as well as other special guests. Catered reception at 7 pm, followed by program at 8:30. Tix: $25 includes reception, $10 for program alone. Proceeds benefit the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention and LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center). Info: 749-6700. Film opens on 8/9 for a run at the Metro, see 8/9 listing for details.

At Black Oak Books: Thriller writer Elmore Leonard reads from his latest, *Maximum Bob*. 7:30 pm, 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.

Gay & Lesbian Square Dancing with Foggy City Dancers. Great exercise & great fun—come meet new friends. Free intro classes at Live Oak School, 117 Diamond St, SF. 7:30-9:30 pm. Also see 8/25.

At Gala Bookstore: Author Sue Thoele (*The Woman's Book of Courage, The Courage to Be Yourself*) discusses the fears & beliefs that keeps women limited. This participatory evening concludes with a meditation for discovering the Goddess of Courage within. 7:30 pm. 1400 Shattuck Ave #15, Berkeley. Info: 548-4172.

At Cody's Books: Josef Vohryzek, writer, literary critic, translator, and leading pre-1989 Czech Revolution dissident, speaks on culture & politics in Czechoslovakia since the Velvet Revolution. 8 pm, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

John Epperson in "The Fabulous Lypsinka Show" at Josie's Cabaret, see 8/1.

KLITZ Sex Parties for Womyn: 9 pm-4 am tonight! (and every Tuesday night thru month) $7-10 donation includes complimentary food and beverages. 1365 Folsom St btwn 9th & 10th. Info: 864-1543. Clothes check first Tuesday of every month.

7 ■ WEDNESDAY

Bereavement Support for senior gay men offered thru Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). For information on this private support program, contact George at 626-7000.

Reading/Talking Women group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 6:30-8:30 pm for potluck supper/discussion. This month's title: *The Gilda Stories* by Jewelle Gomez. 77 Waller St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Porn 101 Class with Susie Bright, see 8/28.

AIDS/HIV Nightline Service spons by the SF Suicide Prevention Program, seeks volunteers to provide nighttime & weekend telephone emotional support to people with AIDS/HIV. Training provided. 4-hr volunteer shift to begin Sept 1. Info: Ralph or Dave 752-4866.

Discovery/Men's Discussion Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets at 2:15 pm, 333 Turk St, SF, 2nd floor, today & 8/21. Today's topic: "Do You Still Cruise?" 8/21 topic: "Is Age A Factor in AIDS?" Groups led by George Birimisa.

The AIDS Project of Jewish Family and Children's Services is starting a brand-new AIDS Practical Support Porgram and seeks both ongoing and short-term volunteers to do practical tasks (cooking, laundry, grocery shopping, errands, watering plants or feeding pets) for people with HIV. JFCS also seeks volunteers to deliver food to AIDS clients one Sunday per month, between 3-5 pm. For info call Bert Bloom 561-1288.

Lesbian Uprising! Potluck/Planning Mtg: Help plan a fall lesbian cultural event, as well as further LU! organizing.

PARENTS & KIDS BOX

Children's Fairyland/Lake Merritt, Oakland Outing spons by Queer Nation Eastbay. Enjoy a day out with other queer families. 8/4 at 11:30 am. Everyone welcome.

Cody's for Kids (and their parents) presents "Storytime at Cody's," Thursday mornings at 10:30 am and Saturday mornings at 11 am. For kids ages 4-10. Call to confirm schedule: 845-7852. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.

Lavender Challenge Day A fun & free day for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning youth, their friends & other interested young people under age 23. At Mission High School, SF. See Main Calendar listing under 8/10 for details.

Marin City Festival on the Green: A celebration of African arts, music, culture, cuisine & fun. 8/3, 10 am-10 pm in Marin City Ballfield. Entertainment by Leather Tucker Blues Band, guitarist Larry Coryell, Billy Cobham Trio, Tony Saunders & Paradize Club, Bobby Hutcherson Jazz Quartet, Marin City Community Choir, Vivian Irving Blues Band, and more. Also lots of fine arts & crafts & food.

Bugs Bunny on Broadway a multimedia event for adults & kids. Classic Bugs cartoons are projected onto giant video screens while a live 50-piece orchestra plays classical & original compositions. 8/18 at the Concord Pavillion. 8 pm, $25 reserved, $19.50 gen'l admission lawn seating. Info: (415) 762-BASS, (408) 998-BASS.

New York Children's Symphony Concert to benefit survivors of the Mt Pinatubo volcano eruptions. 8/10 at 2 pm at Herbst Theatre, SF. Info: 974-5252.

Daly City Multicultural Extravaganza: Promotion of ethnic diversity. Day-long activities include arts & crafts exhibit, dancing, food & fashion show. 8/17, 11 am-4 pm at Westlake Community Ctr, 145 Lake Merced Blvd, Daly City. Info: Ron Jackson 991-8001.

Are You A Mother Who Wants to Quit Smoking? Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services offers free stop-smoking classes for mothers. Informal, support group format. Learn how to stop smoking, reduce stress, and enjoy being a parent. Help with childcare & transportation provided. Info/reg: Carmela Rosales 565-7682.

Oakland Youthworks offers free job training & placement program for local youths ages 17-21. 4-wk program begins 8/7. For info/reg: 763-9890.

Project Interface Summer Academy: Award-winning program offers rigorous & creative instruction for students who have the ability to be A students but are not living up to their potential. 8/5-31, 9 am-12:30, Mon-Fri. $75. Some work scholarships available for qualified applicants. Info: 635-1755.

SF SPCA Birthday Parties for Kids: SF SPCA offers "Animal Awareness" birthday parties for kids ages 4-9, proceeds benefit the Society's Humane Education Program. Available party themes are "Pets" or "Wild Animals". Costumed party leaders bring a visting animal to every extravangaza, drawing from a roster that includes Tom Turtle, Longfellow the Rabbit, and Chelsea the Dog. Lively puppet shows promote responsible pet care or respect for wildlife, kids play various animal-themed games, receive coloring books & special prizes. Program lasts about one hour, leaving plenty of time for refreshments & gift-opening; and can be held in homes, yards or parks. $80 donation requested per party, ½ price intro offer in August. Info: Kathy McAdams 554-3060.

3rd Annual Elderflower Womenspirit Festival in Mendocino, 8/9-11. All women & girls age 11 & older are welcome! See Main Calendar, 8/9 listing for details.

Ringling Bros Barnum & Bailey Circus: 8/20-27 at the Oakland Coliseum, Oakland; 8/29-9/2 at the Cow Palace, SF. Tix: Coliseum, 639-7700; Cow Palace, 469-6065.

Big Kids/Little Kids: Sat morning art class at the de Young Museum for children ages 3½-6 and their parents, designed for the creative child in everyone. Led by professional artists, young children & their parents see works of art in the museum, then participate in related art experiences. The program is free, but there is a $4 museum entrance fee for adults. Golden Gate Park, SF. Info: 750-3658. 8/3, 10, 17, 24, at 10:30 am.

Doing & Viewing Art at the deYoung, for ages 7-13: Tours of current exhibits followed by studio workshops given by professional artist-teachers. Students learn about art by seeing it & making it.

The circus comes to town this month!

Children accepted on a drop-in basis. Free. Info: 750-3658. Saturdays 8/3, 10, 17, 24 at 10:30 am. Info: 750-3658.

Art in the Summer at the de Young, for ages 4-16. Tours of the museum, touchable art, studio activities. 8/7-31. For fee schedule & other info call 750-3658.

Green Stuff! UC Botanical Garden 1991 Summer Day Camp program. Kids learn about plants, rainforests & nature, taste delicious tropical treats & herbal teas, enjoy storytelling. Two age groups: 8/5-9 session for ages 5-7, from 9 am-2 pm; 8/12-16 for ages 8-11, from 9 am-3 pm. $90 per 5-day session. For info call Nancy Swearengen 642-3352 or send check payable to University of Calif Regents to Day Camp, UC Botanical Garden, Centennial Drive, Berkeley, 94720.

KidsSings! Family Sing with Nancy Cassidy and Schola Cantorum choral ensemble. Half-hour sings appropriate for kids up to age 12. Kids are free, if accompanied by an adult. Following the KidSing, kids can join childcare while adults enjoy the rest of the evening (Charlene Archibeque conducts Orff's "Carmina Burana" and Puccini's "Messa di Gloria"). 8/19. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, call 903-6000 for info/res.

Public Observation Programs provided by the Peninsula Astronomical Society. The Observatory is open on clear Friday nights for viewing of stars, planets, galaxies, star clusters & nebulae thru a 16-inch reflecting telescope or a 6-inch refractor telescope. Both events are free & the public is welcome. Observatory is located at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Rd, Los Altos Hills, halfway round the campus loop near Parking Lot T. Info: 949-7334. Observatory is closed when it is cloudy.

Lawrence Hall of Science in Berkeley offers a wide variety of classes for kids of all ages. Including—2 yrs: Getting to Know Animals. 3-5 yrs: Springtime Biology; Physical Science for Preschoolers; Bugs, Beetles & Butterflies. 5-6: Blocks, Beams & Bridges; Guesstimation; Slime & Slippery Stuff. 6-7: Games Galore; Animal Explorations/I. 7-9: Intro Chemistry; Lab Art; Tools of Astronomy. 7-13: Family Science; Earth Alive!; Ms Math; Computer Video Studio; Outdoor Survival Techniques & Backpack Trip; Celestial Eclipse Photography, and more. Some classes require parent participation. Fees are from $33-$105 with most in the $55-$65 range. Discounts available for multiple family members, limited number of partial scholarships available. For info/full schedule call 642-5134.

Bay Area Discovery Museum, an interactive museum for children, offers various programs for kids & their parents. This month get to experience the start-to-finish contruction of a 8-animal carousel. 5th generation carousel maker William Dentzel creates a brilliantly-painted, whirling, chiming piece of folk art which will remain as part of the museum's permanent collection. Kids will work with the artist, painting the hand-carved animals and assembling the carousel. From 8/1-9/15 the museum offers carousel-related actvities for kids in the Art Shop (kids make masks, costumes & props for the parade which will highlight the museum's Carousel Festival on 9/15). Dentzel will give a lecture for adults at a cocktail reception on 8/8. For info/sign-ups call 332-9646. 557 East Ft Baker, Sausalito.

The SF League of Urban Gardens (SLUG) offers a learning & demonstration garden, Garden of the Environment, where workshops on organic gardening, water conservation & composting are regularly held. The Garden includes a children's gardening area. For more information call 468-0110.

"Lesbians at Midlife" editor Adrienne Smith reads from the new anthology Aug 15 to benefit Old Wives' Tales Bookstore.

6:30 pm. Bring a dish to share. Meeting & brainstorming begins at 7 pm. Come prepared to work! Call Laura at 626-7821 for info/location.

From Demo Tapes to Recording Contracts: Wkshop spons by Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA). A music attorney discusses the steps leading up to a recording contract, from "shopping" one's demo to negotiating with a record company. 7-8:30 pm, $15. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg B, SF. Room 300. Info: 775-7200.

Shanti Volunteer Opportunity Night: An evening for people interested in becoming a Shanti volunteer & assisting people with AIDS and their loved ones. 7 pm, 525 Howard St, SF. Info: Mike Frederickson 777-2273, Mon-Fri, 9 am-5 pm.

Bi-Friendly UC support group & social on the Berkeley campus. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF communities & their friends (all UC-identified folks) are welcome. Info: Susan 524-0574. Tonight & 8/14, 21, 28.

At Black Oak Books: Regan Louie, associate professor of photography at SFAI and first-generation Chinese American, shows slides from & discusses his book, *Towards A Truer Life: Photographs of China, 1980-1990.* 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.

SF Hiking Club Monthly Mtg/Social: 7:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Center, Collingwood nr 18th (behind Cala Market, 1 block from Castro St). Jim Gordon shows slides of Lassen Volcanic National Park.

Singer Holly Near is featured tonight on KQED Channel 9's "The Creative Mind" series. 7:30 pm.

Eartha Kitt, renowned singer, activist & actress in concert at Kimball's East, tonight thru 8/11. Wed, Thurs & Sun 8 & 10 pm; Sat & Sun 9 & 11 pm. 5800 Shellmound St, Emeryville. Info: 658-2555.

John Epperson in "The Fabulous Lypsinka Show" at Josie's Cabaret, see 8/1.

Klubstitute & Queer Nation present a benefit for the Queer Street Patrol (group keeps the Castro safe from anti-queer violence). Performances by: Elvis Herselvis, acclaimed Elvis impersonator; *Tribe 8* all-girl heavy thrash band; *Glitter Doll*, punk-metal-glamrockers; God's Girlfriend, "the tallest industrial transvestite pagan witch act on earth"; *No Moon in the Water*, original music combo; and Billy De Herrera, "the best-dressed drag queen in town". Plus dj Remix Von Popstitute and the off the floor fashion boutique. Doors open at 8 pm showtime is 11-ish. $2.98-5 SL donation. 6th & Harrison (the Endup). Info: Remix 826-5358.

Brazilian Dance Music with *Celia Malheiros Trio* at Bahia Brasil, 600 Beach St, SF. 8 pm-midnight. Info: 931-8720.

Olivia Records Anniversary Concert on KQED Tonight: KQED Channel 9 airs film on Olivia's 15th anniversary celebration, a bash which began with a party at Zellerbach and finished with a flourish at Carnegie Hall. KQED's program is part of an entire evening celebration of women's music, taking place as part of their pledge month programming. 8:45 pm.

Comedy at El Rio with Karen Ripley & Maureen Brownsey. 9 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

8 ■ THURSDAY

See films *International Sweethearts of Rhythm* and *The Flapper Story. Int'l Sweethearts* is an awardwinning documentary telling the story of the multiracial, all-women's jazz band of the 1940's. *Flapper* offers a blend of contemporary interviews & archival film footage in a thoughtful & entertaining examination of the social phenomenon of the "flapper" and "new woman" of America's Roaring Twenties. Noon-1 pm, free. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Ctr. In HSW 302. For info: 476-0400.

Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm today & 8/22 at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Neighborhood Mtg of the SF Commission on the Status of Women. 5:30 pm at Temple United Methodist Church, 65 Beverly St, SF. Chance to observe the Comission at work, share your concerns. The Commission on the Status of Women is a newly-reorganized City & County of SF department which works towards ensuring women's equal economic, social, political & educational opportunities, thru its five committees: education/administration/public relations, domestic violence, health, rules & legislation, and women & economics. For info call 252-2570.

Hiroshima, Never Again! Concert spons by the Veteran's Peace Action Team (VPAT) to commemoriate the 46th anniversary of the atomic bombings on Hiroshima & Nagasaki. Entertainment by folk singer/peace activist Ana-Lisa Smoker and the SF band *Ogie Yocha*. Guest MC KPFA dj Miguel Molina. 7 pm, $5. La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

Dr Timothy Leary speaks on "Flashback to the Sixties," a talk about his experiences during the drugs & counterculture revolution. 7:30 pm, $15. SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. Info/res: 346-6040.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Co-editor Lani Kaahumanu and co-contributors to *Bi Any Other Name*, groundbreaking anthology of bisexual coming out stories, read from their work. 7 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Gay Men's Sketch: Drop-in male figure drawing group. Classical nude modeling by athlete/yogaist Bill Milligan. 7 pm, $12. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 205. Info: 621-6294.

Salon/Slide Night at Falkirk Cultural Center: Bring your slides, share your work. The salon is a regular gathering of artists for an informal discussion on the work of artists in our community. Tonight's salon features Falkirk exhibits & programs curator Carrie Lederer & special guest Michael Floss, executive director of Pro Arts Gallery. All are welcome to discussion & slide-viewing, however if you'd like to show yours, call Lisa Launer at 485-3328 to reserve a space. 7 pm. 1408 Mission Ave, San Rafael.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: Coming Out to Parents, led by Verda Lindberg & GA Hawthorne of PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays). For info directions call Marilyn (415) 969-1260 or Lynn (408) 723-4196. All women are welcome!

At Cody's Books: Translator Steven Mitchell (Rilke, the *Book of Job*, the *Tao Ching*) reads from his newest book, *The Englightened Mind*, a collection of discourses, essays, sermons & aphorisms from the world's greatest religions, many in new translations by the editor. An eclectic assortment of world wisdom ranging from Chuang-Tzu to Jesus; from Hasidic, Sufi & Zen masters to modern writers such as Emerson, Blake, Rilke & Einstein. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

Lesbian Erotic Reading Night at Old Wives Tales Bookstore: Contributors to Tee Corinne's new anthology, *Riding Desire*, share their work. Readers include Natalie Devora, Rocky Gamez, Midgett and Celeste West. 8 pm, $3-10. Proceeds benefit Old Wives Tales, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.

John Epperson in "The Fabulous Lypsinka Show" at Josie's Cabaret, see 8/1.

Cookie Wong & Mark Zannini at Quiet Storm, see 8/1.

Earth Kitt at Kimball's East—see 8/7.

Betty Bethards, mystic, healer & author, lectures on "Creating & Receiving Prosperity." 8 pm, $8 gen'l, $5 srs & youth. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: Inner Light Foundation (707) 765-2200.

Brazilian Dance Music at Bahia Brasil with the *Joyce Coolings Trio*. 8 pm-midnight. 600 Beach St, SF. Info: 931-8720.

Comedy at El Rio: Night of laughs with Public Nuisance, featuring Wilma Bonet & Carolyn Najera. 9 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-2325.

9 ■ FRIDAY

Elderflower Womenspirit Festival: Today thru 8/11. Workshops, rituals, crafts & lots of fun in the woods for women & girls. Tent & cabin camping. Reasonably priced. Relaxed atmosphere. Near Mendocino. For info call 285-5669 or write Elderflower, PO Box 31627, SF CA 94131. Don't miss!

16th Annual Pacific States Crafts Fair: Today thru 8/11. Fort Mason Center's Herbst & Festival Pavilions (Piers 2 & 3) in SF's Marina District. The largest of its kind on the West Coast, the extremely popular fair features a wide array of work from 350 of the nation's top craft artists, selected from over 1600 applicants. 11 am-8 pm tonight, 11 am-6 pm on 8/10, 11 am-5 pm on 8/11. Tix $5, kids under 12 are free. Parking at Crissy Field & shuttle buses to Ft Mason are provided free of charge. Food & drink available. Wheelchair accessible. Info: 896-5060.

COUPLES of SF/Bay Area, gay/lesbian couples club, Theatre Night Trip: See "Stardust," a musical with songs from the big band era. For reservations & other info call 929-8402.

"Circle of the Spirit: Sacred Journey of Tibetans & Navajo Indians," a lecture by Peter Gold. 7-9 pm. For info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Tenessee Valley Hike with Marin BACW: Join Marin Bay Area Career Women for a hike, followed by pizza in Sausalito. 7 pm. Mary 892-1207.

Bluegrass Night at Black Oak Books with premier bluegrass singer/guitarist Maso Sasabe, and Yoshi Yamomoto on second guitar, plus Sandy Rothman, banjo; Ed Neff, mandolin & fiddle; and Jerry Logan, string bass. 1491 Shattuck at Vine, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.

Renee Harcourt in Concert at KBBK Studios. A Night of original music, hybrid contemporary folk. For location/res call 563-9046.

The St Petersburg String Trio perform works by Beethoven. Part of Old First Concert series. 8 pm, $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. 1751 Sacramento St at Van Ness, SF. Info: 474-1608.

Pear Garden in the West: The 7th Annual Chinese American Performing Arts Festival. Thru 8/11 at Cowell Theater, Ft Mason Ctr, SF. Program: 8/9 & 10 at 8 pm, $10—The SF Chinese American Ballet present "Monkey," a dance based on the 16th century novel on the Ming Dynasty by Wu Cheng'en, *Journey to the West*. Plus episodes from "Uproar in Heaven". Post-performance reception, $10. 8/10 program also features recital of the art of Liu Wei Shan, Guzheng virtuoso, Yan Lin as "Hu Mu Lan" and Ed Ma as "Monkey". John Weaver dances to the poems of Walt Whitman. Program also includes guest artists from the Stars Performing Arts Company. $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. 8/11: Special matinees for children, with the SF Chinese Children's Chamber Orchestra and the Shan Yee Poon Ballet Company. $5 adults & kids 13 and over, $3 kids 12 & under. Info: 524-7287.

Bastard Review **Literary Magazine** Benefit: Program features collaboration by poet Essex Hemphill & dancer Keith Hennessy; Lisa Bernstein performs a suite of jazz poems; Carolyn Lau reads from *The Marginalia on Gorilla/Bird*. 8 pm, $5. New College Theatre, 777 Valencia St at 19th, SF.

Paris is Burning, the acclaimed documentary on New York City's Black & Latino drag subculture, opens today at the Metro Theatre, 2055 Union St, SF. For showtimes & other info call 931-1685 (also see 8/6 listing).

Sherry Greer in concert at Mama Bears, with Tracey Stark on piano, Amy Kleck, guitar. 8 pm, $6-8. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.

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Club Dekadence: Night of glamour & sleaze—see 8/2.
Concert at La Pena: *Grupo Tamunal* plays music from the Veracruz region of Mexico. 8 pm, $8 adv, $10 day of show. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.
John Epperson in "The Fabulous Lypsinka Show" at Josie's Cabaret—two performances tonight! See 8/1 listing for details.
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Brazilian Dance Music at Bahia Brasil with *Rio Trio*. Tonight & tmw, 9 pm-1 am. 600 Beach St, SF. Info: 931-8720.
Eartha Kitt at Kimball's East—see 8/7.

10 SATURDAY

Lake Chabot Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Take I-480 East to 150th Ave exit. Turn left at 2nd traffic light onto Fairmont Dr. Continue on Faimont over the hill. Lake Chabot Marina entrance on left. Meet 9:30 am in parking lot at beginning of trail. Parking free, off-street parking free at park entrance. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.
Lavender Challenge Day for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning youth, and friends. A chance to meet other teens who share your concerns, learn leadership skills, and have fun without alcohol or other drugs. Enjoy games & special activites, get support for being you. Spons by Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment (LYFE) Program, Challenge Associates, and the Health Programs office of SF Unified School District. 9:30 am-5 pm (doors close at 10 am), free. Dress comfortably, bring a bag lunch and a pillow (optional). West Gymnasium, Mission High School, Dolores & 18th, SF. For info/reg call LYFE Program in SF, 565-7681; or Challenge Associates in Concord, 685-6878.
A Day at the Santa Cruz Boardwalk with Girth & Mirth Club of SF: An all-day trip with dinner out in the evening, on the way back to SF. Meet 10 am in front of 176-B Page St, SF. Info: 824-0260.
The Berkeley Swim Team works out today & 8/24, 10-11:30 am at the Concord Community Pool, 3501 Cowell Rd, Concord (nr the Concord BART Station. By car, take Hwy 24 to 680 N. Monument Blvd exit, follow Monument Blvd till it changes into Galindo. Make right turn from Galindo onto Cowell Rd. Follow Cowell for 1/2 mile, community park & pool are on the left side of road). Workout is coached, designed for all levels. Newcomers are welcome! $2 admission. Look for us in the right lanes. Info: Chris 654-9719.
Day at the Races with Mid-Peninsula BACW—see 8/24 listing for details. Register early!
Wkend BA Degree Completion Program at New College: Informational meeting—see 8/3 listing for details.
Pacific States Crafts Fair at Ft Mason, see 8/9.
Hortiphiles Japanese Theme Day: Meet at Hakone in Saratoga at 11 am. Potluck & pool party in Sunnyvale at 1 pm. Bonsai & Ikebana displays & plant auction follow. For location & other info call 851-1022. Hortiphiles is a group for gays & lesbians who enjoy plants & gardens. For complimentary newsletter write: Hortiphiles, PO Box 31, Palo Alto, CA 94301.
Gender Transformation: Male into Female. Class by Sybil Holiday & Carol Kleinmaier. Why would a man want to be transformed into a woman, why would a top want to do it? Sybil & Carol address these questions & more as they transform a male into a female in front of class. Men & women (over 21) of all sexual orientations are welcome! Doors open at noon, class 12:30-4:30 pm in a private SF space. Spons by QSM as part of their artistic & educational series for the s/m community. Info/location: 550-7776. $20.
Urban Magic Class with Starhawk: 1-day workshop for women & men with Starhawk, peace activist, author, ritualist & witch. 1-6 pm, $25 adv, $35 at door. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Partial benefit for Choices for Change, a Northbay nonprofit agency that offers counseling & other services for children of alcoholic & drug-abusing families. For info/reg: Harmony Network (707) 869-0989.
Southbay FLSG (Feminist Lesbian Social Group) monthly potluck meeting: 7 pm at Carol's house in San Jose. Newcomers are welcome! For info/directions: (408) 251-3134.
Lesbians at Midlife editor Adrienne Smith speaks at A Different Light Bookstore, SF. 7:30 pm.
At A Different Light Bookstore: Reading by contributors to *Lesbians At Midlife*, a groundbreaking anthology on midlife transitions, struggles & joys. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.
Rock at El Rio with *Field Trip, Papa Wheelie* and *Happygoing Nowhere*. 9 pm. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
"Poets Quartet," readings by Robert Odom Jr, Kathryn Pannepacker, Jeffery Schultz, and Sara Iben aka Dancing Deer. 8-10 pm at Cafe Francisco, 2161 Powell St, SF. Free. Info: 397-2602.
John Epperson in "The Fabulous Lypsinka Show" at Josie's Cabaret, see 8/1 listing for details.
Josquin at the Basilica: A Chanticleer concert the Mission Dolores Basilica, featuring the music of Josquin des Prez, the undisputed master composer of the 15th century. Program is a benefit for the 200th anniversary of the dedication of Mission Dolores. 8 pm, $25 tix includes a reception following tonight's concert. Concert repeats on 8/17. 16th St at Dolores, SF. Info: 552-3656. Chanticleer performs a "special request" concert on 8/18 (see listing), you may attend both concerts for $30.
"Urban Dweller," Unbound Spirit Asian American Dance Collective presents their repertory dance concert, featuring dances by guest choreographer Yukie Shiroma and artistic director Sachiko Nakamura. See "Images of Brush & Ink," "Blind Visions," "Beyond the Garden Wall," "One Night Stand," and "Fat Lady Sings". Part of Theater Artaud's Summer Dance Project. 8 pm tonight, 2 pm tmw at Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St, SF. Tix $12 in adv, $15 at door, $2 discount for stdnts & srs. Info: 552-8980.
Made in America, III: Golden Gate Men's Chorus summer concert celebrating American composers. Works by Thompson, Ives, Foster. Also folk & country western tunes. 8 pm tonight, 2 pm tmw at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. $10 adv, $12 at door; $6 stdnts & srs. Tix at Headlines.
Night of Young Radical Hip Feminist Stuff at Klub Komotion to benefit AWOL (Artists & Writers Out Loud). Video, music & performance art by women. Video works by Leslie Singer, Lise Swenson, Eva Konigova, Valerie Soe, Indigo Som, Esther Paik, Clara Lux & others. Plus three all-woman bands—*The Lucy Stoners, Her Majesty the Baby* and *The Mudwimmin*. 2779 16th St at Folsom, SF. 8:30 pm. Info: 863-6724.
Stephen Riave & Lee Goland in Concert at KBBK Studios: Night of taut, lyrical songs by Riave, plus "satire, seriousness, socialism & same-sex stuff" with Goland. 8:30 pm, $6. For location/res call 563-9046.
Eartha Kitt at Kimball's East—see 8/7.
Rio Trio at Bahia Brasil, see 8/9.
Cookie Wong & Mark Zannini at Quiet Storm, see 8/1.
Dance Party at La Pena: Night of fine salsa with *Candela*. 9:30 pm, $8. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.
Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with Maureen Brownsey, Dan Morgan & Suzy Berger. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

11 SUNDAY

Run of the Month with Eastbay Frontrunners. Alameda Run for the Parks—10 K (2 mile walk). 9 am at the South Shore Shopping Ctr, Alameda. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

Margaret Cho at Josie's. Aug 30 has info.

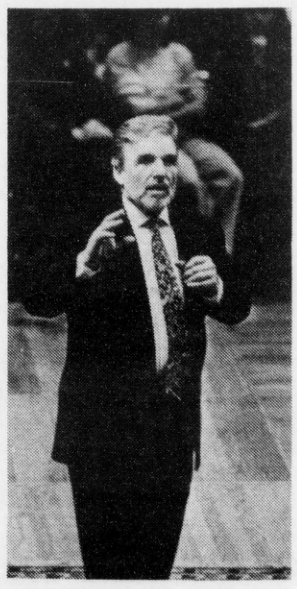
Coming Out 1-Day Wkshop for Women new to woman-loving identity. Share feelings, fears & joys in a safe, confidential setting. Discuss lesbian sexuality, work on sexual identity issues. Learn more about lesbian culture, community, and oppression; begin to create a support network. Appropriate for women in any stage of the coming out process. Mountain View location (40 min south of SF). 10 am-4:30 pm, $35-50 SL fee. Info/reg: Dotty Calabrese 968-1981.
Beginning Yoga Class—see 8/4.
Pacific States Craft Fair at Ft Mason, see 8/9.
Potluck Brunch for Men: Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Noon-3 pm at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Bring a dish to share. Info: 626-7000.
Made in America, III: Golden Gate Men's Chorus summer concert—see 8/10 listing for details. Final performance, don't miss!
Women's Video Afternoon spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). See *The Burning Times*. 3-5 pm, $3-5 donation. Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Info: 626-7000.
Silvia Kohan in Concert at Josie's with her own brand of powerful blues, Spanish, Jewish & political music. 4 pm, $7-9. Don't miss! 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Bi-Friendly Afternoon Coffee/Social: Meet & chat with the guest of honor, SF Assessor & mayoral candidate Richard Hongisto. 4-6 pm. Glen Park, SF. For location & other info call John 775-5697.
Pianist Lynn Schugren in an "All-American" program of works by David McBride, Robert Starr, Roger Sessions & Aaron Copeland. Part of Old First Concerts series. 4 pm, $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. 1751 Sacramento St at Van Ness, SF. Info: 484-1608.
Salsa at El Rio with *Candela*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
Attention All Single Lesbians! You're invited to a potluck in the Eastbay, 4 pm today. Call 528-0906 or 526-2654 for info/directions. See you there!
Weakening the Bars in the Prison of Gender: Series at A Different Light Bookstore, today thru 8/30. 8/11 at 5:30 pm: Reception for artists Joan Hilty, Cheela Smith, Kris Kovick & Lenore Chin, whose group show "The Self-Determined Contour" was curated by Rozzie, editor of *Girl Jock* gay fanzine. 8/11 at 7:30 pm: Readings by poet Priscilla/Percy Lee on growing up Chinese in a white-face patriarchy, and work revealing truth in whipsers by performer Justin Bond. 8/18 at 7:30 pm: "Giving Good Gender" panel from the transgender community on blurring borders between the sexes, led by Flynn. 8/25 at 7:30 pm: Carol Queen, contributor to *Frighten the Horses* and *Taste of Latex* magazines. 8/30 at 7:30 pm: "Theory/Flesh: Their Work Performed" by Cliff Hengst (director of "All Sorrows Mean Nothing to You," shown at this year's film festival); plus Nao Bustamonte in a performance of visually brilliant, quirky theatrics informed by buto, comic timing & Mexican heritage. 8/31 at 7:30 pm: Readings by Bernice Scharlach, author of *Big Alma*, a book based on the SF celebrity/Tenderloin figure. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891. Free admission.
Brazilian Music with Doug Gittins at Bahia Brasil, 600 Beach St, SF. 7-10 pm. Info: 931-8720.
At Black Oak Books: Thomas Cleary, translator of over 20 works on Buddhism, Taoism & I Ching studies, including *The Book of Serenity; Buddhist I Ching*; and *The Japanese Art of War*, discusses *The Secret of the Golden Flower*, an authoritative translation of the classic Chinese Book of Life made famous by Carl Jung. 7:30 pm, 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.
At Modern times Bookstore: Ruth Schwartz & Jerry Santek, awardwinning lesbian & gay poets, in a reading about AIDS, sex, earthquakes, breasts, James Dean & more—7:30 pm, free. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.
Eartha Kitt at Kimball's East—final show! See 8/7 listing for details.
John Epperson in "The Fabulous Lypsinka Show" at Josie's—final performance! See 8/1 listing for details.
Rubber Club Party spons by the Asian AIDS Project at the 'N Touch. 8 pm-midnight. 1/2 hr show on safer sex & condom usage at 9 pm, featuring Rubber Beauties & the Court of the Latex Queens! AAP also offers rap groups geared toward Asian gay/bisexual immigrants who are limited English speakers, groups & info flyers available in Chinese, Thai & Laotion, for more info call the Asian AIDS Project, 227-0946.
Women With An Attitude Nite at the Other Cafe, Emeryville. With comics Karen Williams & Dianne Amos. Hosted by Tom Ammiano. 8 pm. Info: 601-4888.
Cookie Wong & Mark Zannini at Quiet Storm, see 8/1.

12 MONDAY

Aikido Arts Center Classes—see 8/5.
SF Police Officer Recruitment Drive, see 8/5.
KPFA Apprentice Program seeks women & people of color, see 8/5.
Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation, see 8/5.
Rounds Singing for Women—see 8/5.
Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with MC Boston-based comic Maria Falzone. 8 pm, $4. Performer sign-up by phone by 7 pm. Info: 861-7933. 3583 16th St at Market, SF.

13 TUESDAY

Coffee, Conversation & Canasta for Women & Men: Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders), see 8/6 listing for details.
"Meditation: It Isn't What You Think," a talk at Amron Metaphysical Ctr by Rev Jonathan, certified hypnotherapist & Church of Amron minister. 7 pm, free. 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.
"Basic Tax & Recordkeeping Information for Self-Employed People," a 2-evening seminar taught by tax practitioner Jan Zobel. Spons by Options Institute. $60. SF location. For info/res: 821-1015.
Radical Women Feminist Theory Series continues with discussion of a book (title to be announced) by Egyptian feminist Nawal El Sadawi. Dinner served at 6:45 pm ($5 donation), mtg begins



John Bradshaw gives a series of talks & workshops, Aug 16, 17 & 19.

Joey Ayala & the Balong Lumad Musical Ensemble from the Phillipines performs to benefit KPFA Aug 4.

at 7:30 pm. 523A Valencia St nr 16th, SF. For more info call 864-1278.
At Black Oak Books: William Carter, writer, photographer & jazz clarinetist, discusses his new book *Preservation Hall: Music from the Heart*, a lavishly illustrated work which cpatures the essence of this colorful chapter in American musical history. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.
"Poets Quartet," readings by Kathryn Pannepacker, Gary Canier, Jeffery Schultz, and Bert Glick at Sacred Grounds, 2095 Hayes St, SF. 8-10 pm, free. Info: 387-3859.
At Cody's Books: Vicki Noble, author of the women's spirituality classic *Motherpeace* discusses her new book, *Shakti Woman—Feeling Our Fire, Healing Our World: the New Female Shamanism*. 8 pm, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.
KLITZ Sex Party for Womyn—see 8/6 listing for details.

14 WEDNESDAY

Bereavement Support for Senior Gay Men: See 8/7.
Giant's Game at Candlestick for People with HIV: Spons by Shanti Project Activities Program. Come see the Giants play the Braves at Candlestick Park. Game starts at 12:35 pm. Free. Sign-up required, call 777-2273 for info (ask for the Events Line).
AIDS/HIV Nightline Needs Volunteers—see 8/7.
Porn 101 Class at Good Vibrations with Susie Bright, see 8/28.
The AIDS Project of Jewish Family & Children's Services seeks volunteers, see 8/7.
Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) Mtg: 6 pm at Charpe's, 131 Gough St, SF. Guest speaker: Matt LeGrant of the Bay Area Bisexual Network (BABN) speaks on "Anything that Moves: Beyond the Myths of Bisexuality." No-host bar, free snacks. $2. All welcome, especially public service employees. Info: 861-8718.
Bi-Friendly UC support/social on the Berkeley campus, see 8/7.
At ClaireLight Women's Books: Past Lives Workshop with Sushie Rose, MA, neuropath & certified hypnotherapist. Exploration of the relationship between present life difficulties and traumas in past lives. Includes a guided past lives regression. 7 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.
At Black Oak Books: Author/philosopher Rebecca Goldstein (*The Mind-Body Problem; The Late Summer Passions of a Woman of Mind*) reads from her "beautifully written, thoroughly alarming" new book, *The Dark Sister*. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berk. Info: 486-0698.
Sacred Circle Dance for the lesbian/gay community & friends. Folk Dancing with emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. Learn ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world. Beginners welcome! 8-10 pm tonight & 8/28 at SF Dance Theater, 60 Brady at Market & Gough, SF. Info: Laura or Howard 359-0207.
Brazilian Dance Music with *Lena Mariano Trio* at Bahia Brasil, 600 Beach St, SF. 8 pm-midnight. Info: 931-8720.
Pomo Afro Homos in "Fierce Love: Stories from Black Gay Life," this SF-based performance group of Black gay men return to Josie's with their smash hit for 12 performances before taking it on the road. Don't miss this collection of personal, political, funny, challenging & moving stories of the Black gay experience. Plays Wed-Sun, 8/14-25 at 8 pm, with added 10 pm shows on 8/16 & 23. $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Big Band Bash at Kimball's East starring Steve Allen & Terry Gibbs with the *Full Faith & Credit Big Band*. Tonight thru 8/18. Wed, Thurs & Sun at 8 & 10 pm; Fri & Sat at 9 & 11 pm. 5800 Shellmound St, Emeryville. Info/reg: 658-0606.
Bondage Buddies meet for a fun bondage play nite in a well equipped near-Castro dungeon. $10. Info/location: 292-3228.
"The Loss Almanac," an evening of choreography by Duncan Macfarland, with a newly expanded, multinational company of 12 dancers. Presented by Macfarland/Whistler DanceArt Company and Theater Artaud. Tonight thru 8/18 at 8 pm. $12 gen'l, $10 stdnts & srs. 8/15 performance is a benefit for the Godfather Service Fund. Post-performance reception following tonight's opening, post-performance panel discussions follow the 8/15 & 17 performances. Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St, SF. Part of Theater Artaud's Summer Dance Project. Info: 621-7797.
Comedy at El Rio with Tom Ammiano, Dan Morgan, and others TBA. 9 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

15 THURSDAY

8th Annual Latina Lesbian Retreat spons by Lesbianas Unidas of GLLU (Gay & Lesbian Latinos United) will be held 9/13-15 in the San Bernardino mountains, 1 1/2 hrs northeast of Los Angeles. Wkend of fun, music, workshops & other activities; an opportunity to meet other Latina lesbians of diverse backgrounds for friendship, support & networking. Today's the deadline to submit workshop descriptions, vendors wishing to display their original arts & crafts should submit an application by 8/30. To reserve childcare & special children's rates, requests must be made by 8/30. General rates: $80. Info: Sabrina Hernandez (415) 647-4915 or write Lesbianas Unidas of GLLU, PO Box 85459, Los Angeles, CA 90072.
Women's Alcohol-Free Social at Mama Bears: 7-11 pm, free. Suzanne Judith offers tarot readings ($10, call to reserve your space). Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.
Gay Me's Sketch: Drop-in male figure drawing group. Classical nude modeling. 7 pm, $12. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Rm 205. Info: 621-6294.
Lesbians at Midlife editor Adrienne Smith speaks at Old Wives Tales Bookstore. 7:30 pm. Benefit for Old Wives Tales—don't miss!
BABN (Bay Area Bisexual Network) Forum: 7:30 pm at First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin at Geary, SF. Topic to be announced. Call BABN 564-BABN to confirm event.
BBQ Picnic with Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: 6:30 at Whisman Park in Mountain View, for information call Marilyn (415) 969-1260 or Lynn (408) 723-4196. All women are welcome!
At Black Oak Books: Language poets Michael Davidson, Lyn Hejinian, Ron Silliman & Barret Watten discuss *Leningrad: American Writers in the Soviet Union*, a collaborative account of their participation in the August 1989 international conference of avant garde writers, the first held in the Soviet Union since the Russian Revolution. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck at Vine, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.
At Cody's Books: Cancer-survivor Bill Soiffer discusses his new book *Life in the Shadow: Living With Cancer*, a look at experiences of cancer survivors in a cancer-phobic society. Diagnosed with Hodgkin's Disease, a cancer of the lymph system, at age 22, the 37 year old Soiffer has survived five relapses. 8 pm, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.
Big Band Bash at Kimball's East, see 8/14.
Lesbians At Midlife editors Adrienne Smith & Joyce Warshaw, plus contributors Carmen de Monteflores, Matile Rothschild, Lauren Crux & Peg Cruikshank, read from & talk about this anthology of writings by lesbians age 40-60. 8 pm, $3-10. Proceeds benefit Old Wives Tales Bookstore, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1007 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.
At Modern Times Bookstore: Photographer/editor Lou Dematteis presents *Nicaragua: A Decade of Revolution*, his book which features the work of 47 leading photojournalists from Nicaragua & US and around the world. Also slideshow & an update from Nicaragua (he has just returned from there). 8 pm, free. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.
Cookie Wong & Mark Zannini at Quiet Storm, see 8/1.
Brazilian Dance Music with *Joyce Cooling Trio*at Bahia Brasil, 600 Beach St, SF. 8 pm-midnight. Info: 931-8720.
"The Loss Almanac," an eve of dance choreography at Theater Artaud, see 8/14. Tonight's performance is a benefit for The Godfather Service Fund, an organization which provides personal care items to people with AIDS & ARC.
Pomo Afro Homos in "Fierce Love: Stories from Black Gay Life," at Josie's Cabaret, see 8/14 listing for details.
Direct from Mexico City: Miguel Angel de la Cueva in a one-man show at El Rio (Miguel recently performed in "El Splendora" at Life on the Water). Tonight & 8/22. 9 pm, $5. Don't miss! 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

16 FRIDAY

TGIF at "B" Street—see 8/2.
"An Evening with John Bradshaw," the best-selling author & master therapist gives a special evening talk at the Oakland Convention Center. 7:30-10 pm, $15 per person. Info: (800) 877-7676. Also see 8/17 & 19 listings.
6th Annual Jazz in the City Film Fest: Tonight & tmw at the Castro Theater, SF. Diverse program of rare blues film clips, Fats Waller music, documentaries & feature films.Program 1: 8/16 at 7:30 pm, 8/17 at 9:30 pm. *A Night at New York's Lincoln Theater, 1925*, featuring the theater organ music of Fats Waller, performed by Dick Hyman on the Wurlitizer, also screening of the 1925 silent film classic, *The Freshman. Program 2: 8/17 at 7 pm. Documentary Bix: "Ain't None of Them Play Like Him Yet"* by Brigitte Berman. Program 3: 8/16 at 9:30 pm. "Shouting the Blues, Blues on Film 1929-65," hosted by noted jazz film archivist Mark Cantor, featuring rare film clips of Bessie Smith, Big Joe Turner, BB King & others. Program 4: 8/17—double bill, Film Classics with Jazz. 3 pm: *Too Late Blues*, Cassavette film with Bobby Darin & Stella Stevens. 5 pm: *Sweet Smell of Success*, Alexander Mackendrick film with Burt Lancaster & Tony Curtis. Tix $6-12, available at BASS. Info: 864-5449 or the Castro Theater 621-6120.
Ballistic ballads & sly satires with Mark Levy, "the Joe Hill of the nasty '90s," at KBBK Studios. 8 pm. For info/location call 563-9046.
Theatre Flamenco of SF 25th Anniversary Season Celebration: Features 6 performances at the Cowell Theatre in SF's Fort Mason Center, tonight thru 8/25. Program: Retrospective of 25 years of Spanish dance in SF, including many of Theatre Flamenco's most popular pieces. Tonight's opening performance is followed by a champagne toast, an anniversary buffet follows the 8/17 performance. Dates/times: 8/16 & 23 at 8 pm, 8/17 & 24 at 8 pm, 8/18 & 25 at 2 pm. Tix $20 for 8/16, all other shows are $15. $50 for anniversary buffet (includes show). Info: 552-3656.
Poetry Open Mike at Mama Bears: 15 minutes per poet. Women only. Call 428-9684 to reserve your slot. $3. 6536 Telegrah Ave, Oakl.
Opus 90 in Concert at Old First: 8 pm, $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. 1741 Sacramento at Van Ness, SF. Info: 474-1608.
Pomo Afro Homos in "Fierce Love: Stories from Black Gay Life" at Josie's Cabaret. Two shows this evening—see 8/14 listing for details.
"The Loss Alamanac," an eve of dance choreography at Theater Artaud, see 8/14.
Club Dekadence at The Endup: Night of glamour & sleaze, see 8/2.
***Libana* in Concert** at La Pena: An eve of Balkan harmonies, Middle Eastern dances, African & Latin American rhythms, and more. 8 pm, $10. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.
Cookie Wong & Mark Zannini at Quiet Storm, see 8/1.
Big Band Bash at Kimball's East, see 8/14.
Brazilian Dance Music with *Bahia Trio* at Bahia Brasil, 600 Beach St, SF. 9 pm-1 am. Info: 931-8720.
At El Rio tonight: *Nzinga*—see 8/2 listing for details.

C O D Y · S

AUGUST EVENTS 1991

Jeffrey Klein Aug 1. Thursday. 8:00 P.M.
Cody's welcomes Jeffrey Klein, founding editor of the award-winning West magazine and author of **The Black Hole Affair**, a prophetic high-tech novel set in the Silicon Valley underworld of top secret military technology. Klein spent a year of intensive research interviewing military personnel and workers at weapons labs, manufacturing plants and think tanks to gather the facts which underlie his fictional creation. **The Black Hole Affair** is a taut disturbing tale that mirrors a frightening reality: our current administration doesn't care about education or the environment—its ultimate agenda is the military domination of space, and of our planet. Join us for an eye-opening discussion, and find out where the next generation of secret weaponry is leading our country.

Josef Vohryzek Aug 6. Tuesday. 8:00 P.M.
Josef Vohryzek, one of the leaders of the Czech dissident movement before the revolution of 1989, is a writer, literary critic, and translator living in Prague. Blacklisted after the Russian invasion of 1968, he was a signatory of Charter 77 and served for one year as that movement's spokesperson. Mr. Vohryzek will speak on culture and politics in Czechoslovakia since the Velvet Revolution.

Stephen Mitchell Aug 8. Thursday. 8:00 P.M.
Stephen Mitchell, whose translations of Rilke, the **Book of Job**, and the **Tao Te Ching** have been called definitive for our time, will read from his newest book, **The Enlightened Mind**, a collection of discourses, essays, sermons and aphorisms from the world's greatest religions, many of them in new translations by the editor. This eclectic assortment of world wisdom ranges from the Hasidic, Sufi, and Zen masters to modern writers such as Emerson, Blake, Rilke and Einstein. This is the perfect companion work to Mitchell's previous collection of sacred poetry, **The Enlightened Heart**.

Eartha Kitt Aug 10. Saturday. 1:00 P.M.
Eartha Kitt, the pioneering entertainer who shattered barriers of race and sex, will sign her new autobiography, **Confessions of a Sex Kitten**. This fiercely independent woman gives an unforgettable tour of an often harrowing life. From a childhood spent in rural poverty and the slums of New York City to acclamation as one of the best all-around entertainers of any color in music, on stage or on screen, here is the story of a self-made Cinderella, a woman whose talent, integrity, and determination have made her a star.

Vicki Noble Aug 13. Tuesday. 8:00 P.M.
Vicki Noble, author of the classic **Motherpeace**, will discuss her new book **Shakti Woman; Feeling Our Fire. Healing Our World: The New Female Shamanism**. Vicki Noble is a healer, director of the Motherpeace Institute, and publisher of **Snake Power: A Journal of Contemporary Female Shamanism**. "... A personal journey, a guide to spiritual investigation, a visionary statement of woman's role in our contemporary world crisis." Sandy Boucher, author of **Turning the Wheel**

Bill Soiffer Aug 15. Thursday. 8:00 P.M.
First diagnosed at 22 with cancer of the lymph system known as Hodgkin's Disease, **San Francisco Chronicle** reporter Bill Soiffer has survived five relapses. At 37, he is an authority on Hodgkin's and an ardent crusader, striving to awaken America to the subtle ways society discriminates against the cancer survivor. Bill Soiffer's new book, **Life in the Shadow: Living With Cancer**, deals with the real issues of surviving cancer in a cancerphobic society. At a time when half of all cancer patients are being cured, this indispensible book presents survivors with their new horizons—the hardships, joys, uncertainties and rewards they can expect after recovery

Phillip Johnson Aug 27. Tuesday. 8:00 P.M.
Science has taught us that evolution is fact. Phillip Johnson, professor of law at UC Berkeley, has set out to challenge this assumption in his controversial new book, **Darwin On Trial**. According to Johnson, the concept of evolution has assumed the status of a sacred cow in the scientific community, even though there are significant holes in Darwinian theory, many of which have never been adequately examined. Whatever position you may hold on evolution, this is a book worth a close reading. "**Darwin On Trial** is unquestionably the best critique of Darwinism I have ever read... a brilliant and devastating attack on the whole edifice of Darwinian belief..." —Dr. Michael Denton, Molecular Biologist and author of **Evolution: A Theory In Crisis**.

Storytime At Cody's
Cody's For Kids (and their parents) presents Storytime at Cody's on Thursday mornings at 10:30 and Saturday mornings at 11:00. Storytime is recommended for children ages 4 to 10.

Bill Webb Sep 5. Thursday. 8:00 P.M.
On the centennial of author Henry Miller's birth, photographer William Webb, long time friend and neighbor, has assembled an extraordinary pictorial tribute to this powerful and eccentric author, and the people who shared his life during the Big Sur and Pacific Palisades years. **Henry and Friends; The California Years, 1946-1977** captures in rich black-and-white photographs a colorful and eclectic assortment of personalities, among them Ephraim Doner, Elia Kazan, Lawrence Ferlinghetti and Barbara Loden.

Kurt Vonnegut Sep 6. Friday. 7:30-9:00 P.M.
Kurt Vonnegut, whose writing has become a major factor in shaping how the twentieth century views itself, will be signing **Fates Worse Than Death: An Autobiographical Collage of the 1980's**, which he calls "a collection of essays and speeches by me, with breezy autobiographical commentary serving as connective tissue and bandages." This is vintage Vonnegut, a freewheeling memoir of ideas, anecdote, and opinion on the last ten years of our lives. Kurt Vonnegut will be signing books only. Please note the time.

Alice Kahn Sep 10. Tuesday. 8:00 P.M.
Dirk and Bree, the popular characters from Alice Kahn's nationally syndicated column, step out in their own novel, **Fun with Dirk and Bree**, a story Tom Wolfe might have written if he were a female California yuppie.

Andrea Dworkin Sep 21. Saturday. 8:00 P.M.
Andrea Dworkin has established a reputation as a provocative writer of feminist literature. The protagonist/narrator of her powerful, frenzied and admittedly autobiographical new novel, **Mercy**, bears Dworkin's own name. "Andrea" gets her first taste of sex at age nine when she is molested in a movie theatre, and so begins the disintegration of a life. Dworkin's brilliant, intense, and impassioned look at sexual victimization builds to a convincing indictment of a society that tolerates violence against women.

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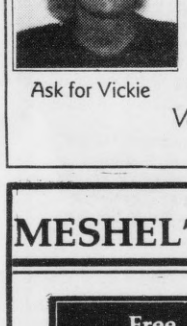
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17 SATURDAY

John Bradshaw Wkend Wkshop: John Bradshaw, best-selling author & master therapist, conducts "Homecoming: Reclaiming & Championing Your Inner Child," a 2-day workshop at the Oakland Convention Center. 9 am-4 pm today & tmw, $165 per person. Info: (800) 877-7676. Also see 8/16 & 19 listings.

Strawberry Canyon Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. From UC Berkeley campus, take Piedmont Ave/Gayley Rd to Stadium Rim Way. Go east (uphill) to N Canyon Rd, continue uphill past tennis courts, botanical gardens, & Lawrence Hall of Science. Take sharp right to Space Sciences Bldg parking lot. Meet 9:30 am. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

7th Annual Women's Blood Drive: The Harvey Milk AIDS Education Fund spons its annual women's blood drive to benefit the Club's AIDS/ARC Blood Fund. Irwin Memorial Blood Bank will set up donor tables 10 am-4 pm at Most Holy Redeemer Church in the Castro (in the cafeteria). Women interested in donating are asked to call ahead to register in order to ensure adequate staffing & minimize waiting periods. If you can't donate today, you can make donations directly at Irwin Memorial Blood Bank (make to the Harvey Milk Lesbian & Gay Democratic Club account). Call Lenore Chinn at 863-6761 for info.

Day at the Races: Bay Meadows trip spons by Mid-Peninsula BACW. Today's the deadline for reservations, see 8/24 listing for details.

Wkend BA Degree Completion Program at New College—Informational meeting, see 8/3 listing for details.

Healing Ourselves Wkshop for Adoptees: A four-hour workshop (11 am-3 pm) of support, affirmation, vision & empowerment. Meet other adoptees, share your healing powers thru gentle interactions. For reg/info call Amy Jane Cheney, 923-1454.

Chanting Workshop at Gaia Bookstore with the women's choral group *Libana*.Learn songs, chants & rounds from Native American, American folk, European, Jewish & African cultures. Everyone welcome—no experience necessary. 1-3:30 pm, 1400 Shattuck Ave #15, Berkeley. Info: 548-4172.

At Cartoon Art Musuem: Demo by Pepe Moreno, who created his famous *Batman Digital Justice* book entirely on a MacII. Come get tips for Mac users by an expert. Moreno also signs copies of his beautifully designed book. 1-4 pm. 665 Third St, SF. Info: 546-3922.

Male & Female Bodybuilders Wanted: For posing, primping, pumping & pirouetting as Lavendar Lounge TV Dance Party "Goes To The Gym". Lavendar Lounge is a TV Dance Party for gay boys & girls. Today's taping is from 2-6 pm. Two shows will be taped, bring your sexiest gym outfits! Channel 25 Studios, 1855 Folsom at 15th, SF. 6th floor. Info: 255-2920.

Masters of Darkness: Awardwinnign authors Dennis Etchison, Suzy McKee Charnas, Chelsea Quinn Yarbro & Fritz Leiber join to discuss "My Career in Terror" and sign copies of the *Master of Darkness III* anthology, as well as their own books at Dark Carnival Bookstore of the Imagination, 2978 Adeline St, Berkeley. Info: 845-7757, 845-7758 or dial THE-DARK for a recording.

Lesbian Social/Movie Get-Together with BBQ before the movie. Come to this monthly event for casual socializing & movie-watching. All lesbians over 30—single, monogamous, coupled, confused, or whatever—are welcome! Bring goodies to share. Eastbay location. Call 531-3943 for info/location.

6th Annual Jazz in the City Film Fest at Castro Theater: Final day! See 8/16 listing for program details.

Improv Comedy & Music at Mama Bears with Over Our Heads (Karen Ripley, Teresa Chandler, Annie Larsen, Marian Damon). 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.

"The Loss Almanac," an eve of dance choreography at Theater Artaud. See 8/14.

Pomo Afro Homos in "Fierce Love: Stories from Black Gay Life" at Josie's Cabaret, see 8/14 listing for details.

Enrique Ramirez, founding member of *Los Peludos*, the legendary Bay Area Chicano New Song group. Enrique gives a fine & loving interpretation of songs from all the Americas, in Spanish & English. 8:30 pm at KBBK Studios. For location/res call 563-9046.

Cookie Wong & Mark Zannini at Quiet Storm, see 8/1.

Big Band Bash at Kimball's East, see 8/14.

Brazilian Dance Music with *Slice of Brasil*, plus floor show by Oba Brasil. 9 pm-1 am. 600 Beach St, SF. Info: 931-8720.

Dance Party at La Pena: Salsa, bolero & more with Benny Velarde y su *Super Combo*.. 9:30 pm, $8. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

"A Mantle of Charity Thrown Over the Failures of Other Men," an exhibit of work by artist J. John Priola at SF Camerawork through Aug 17.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with Scott Capurro, Karen Ripley, and Mark Davis. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Rock at El Rio with *Mother Lode* and *Texas Manglers*. 10 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

18 SUNDAY

Beginning Yoga Class: See 8/4.

Marin BACW New Member Picnic: Marin Bay Area Career Women spend a lazy summer afternoon at the Petaluma Cheese Factory. Bring your favorite picnic goodies or buy them there (no grills available). Come have fun with old friends, meet some new ones! 11:30 am-3 pm. $3 includes non-alcholic drinks & volleyball. Directions: SF Marin/Atherton Exit. If coming from 101 North, take a left; if coming from 101 South, take right. Go to South Novato Blvd, turn right, go to end of road, turn left. The Cheese Factory is 400 yards on the right. For more info: Janice 383-6737.

Left Brain Lesbians Picnic: 3rd Annual Lake Temescal Potluck for the shamelessly inquisitive lesbian, from noon till dusk (at hwys 24 & 13 in Oakland). To RSVP & get directions call Susan 334-1828, Joanne 654-6891 or Beth 832-2334.

How to Top for People Who Usually Don't: Workshop with writer/columnist & lesbian leather activist Pat Califia, designed for both s/m novices who have not yet created a top personae & for experienced players who usually bottom & find it difficult to switch. Pat leads group & paired exercises created specially for this workshop. Doors open at noon, workshop from 12:30-3:30 pm in a private SF space. Men & women (over 21) of all sexual orientations are welcome! $25. Spons by QSM as part of their artistic & educational projects for the s/m community. Info: 550-7776.

Corona Heights Herb Walk: Learn to identify & use the many edible & medicinal plants that grow wild in this area. Intro to wildcrafting, plant lore, botanical pharmacology. Learn recipes for teas & wild foods; the basics of holistic healing. Walk lasts approx 2 1/2 hrs. Rain cancels. $5-11 SL fee. Meet at noon at Roosevelt Way & Museum Way, SF (near Randall Junior Museum). Dress warmly. Info: Adam Seller 845-4028.

The Edlos, "the bad boys of a cappella," play at Hayward's annual Zucchini Festival. At 12:30 & at 3 pm. Kennedy Park, Hayward. $3. Info: 581-4364.

Art Show Reception at Mama Bears for artist Alejandra (Alex) Flores. 3-5 pm. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.

Gwen Avery in Concert at Josie's Cabaret: An afternoon of fine soul, r&b & gospel. 4 pm, $6. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Salsa at El Rio with *Los Kimbos*. 3158 Mission St, SF. 4-8 pm, $7. Info: 282-3325.

Carnal Carnival 2! A hands-on safe sex event for gay & bisexual men—a carnival with a twist! 4-10 pm, doors close at 9. $7 admission, no one turned away for lack of funds. Spons by the Coalition for Healthy Sex (AIDS prevention agencies & sex clubs). 933 Harrison St, btwn 5th & 6th. Info: 621-7177.

Bi-Friendly Dinner/Movie Outing: See *Cabaret*. Meet 5 pm for a no-reservations dinner at the Sausage Factory, 517 Castro St (626-1250) or join fellow bisexuals at 6:20 pm in front of the Castro Theatre for the movie, which starts at 6:30 (followed by *Henry & June* at 9 pm). Info: John 775-5697.

Volunteer Mtg to help organize the annual fall benefit for Women's Cancer Resource Ctr and the Charlotte Maxwell Complimentary Clinic. Help is needed in all aspects of publicity, programming & production. 7 pm at 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Come join us, you're needed! Info: Casey Fisher at WCRC, 548-9272.

Rosan Leao at Bahia Brasil, 600 Beach St, SF. 7-10 pm. Info: 931-8720.

Herbal Formula & Tincture-Making Class: Learn how to extract & combine herbs, understanding traditional formulation & its basis in physiology from a holistic viewpoint. 7-10 pm. Please bring a regular-mouthed quart-sized canning jar. For location/reg & other info contact Adam Sellar, 845-4028.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Author Elias Miguel Munoz discusses his novel *The Greatest Performance*, an examination of what it means to be Cuban, immigrant & gay. 7 pm, free. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

At Black Oak Books: Michelle Ritterman, human rights activist, family therapy lecturer & practicing clinical psychologist discusses her book *Hope Under Siege: State Terror vs Family Support in Chile*, which focuses on incarcerated political prisoners in Pinchoet's Chile. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.

Weakening the Bars in the Prison of Gender series continues at A Different Light Bookstore, see 8/11 listing for program details.

Big Band Bash at Kimball's East, see 8/14.

"The Loss Almanac," an eve of dance choreography at Theater Artaud, see 8/14.

Comedy Concert at La Pena: "Post-alternative comedy" with Britain's Tony Allen and local faves Dave Lippman & Karen Ripley. 8 pm, $6-8. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

Pomo Afro Homos in "Fierce Love" at Josie's Cabaret, see 8/14.

Cookie Wong & Mark Zannini at Quiet Storm, see 8/1.

"By Special Request," Chanticleer in a concert of special request music, come here selections from their wide-ranging repertoire, from renaissance to pop, spirituals & gospel to new American music. 8 pm, $18 gen'l, $13 stdnts & srs. Calvary Presbyterian Church, Fillmore at Jackson, SF. Info/res: 552-3656.

19 MONDAY

John Bradshaw, best-selling author & master therapist, conducts an all-day experiential workshop entitled, "Where Are You, Father?—Healing Our Father Wounds." 9 am-4:30 pm at the Oakland Convention Center. $85 per person. Info: (800) 877-7676. Also see 8/16 & 17 listings.

Aikido Arts Center Classes, see 8/5.

KPFA Apprentice Program: Today's the deadline for applications! Women & people of color sought for this nationally-recognized training program, see 8/5 listing for details.

SF Police Officer Recruitment Drive, see 8/5.

Small Claims Court & Alternative Dispute Resolution: A workshop offered by Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CALA). An experienced attorney/mediator explains when and how to use small claims court effectively, also discuses mediation & arbitration. 5-6:30 pm, $15. Financial Center Building, 405 14th St, corner of Franklin, downtown Oakland. 2nd floor conference room. Info: CALA 775-7200.

Women Writers Wkshop spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders), see 8/5 listing for details.

Marin BACW Dines Out: Today's the deadline to make your reservations for Bay Area Career Women's afghan food feast—see 8/23 listing for details.

Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation, see 8/5.

Rounds Singing for Women—See 8/5.

Antioch Performing Arts Guild holds auditions today & 8/20 & 22 for actor/singers & is accepting applications for a director (with musical background) for upcoming production of "The Fantastics". 7:30 pm at 213 F St, Antioch. For acting/singing positions bring sheet music of your song, ballad or up-beat; monologue or script-reading. For director position send your resume to Antioch Performing Arts Guild, PO Box 2572, Antioch, 94531-2542. For more info call Pat Clement (415) 757-1767.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets at the Bison Brewery, see 8/5 listing for details.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with MC Marilyn Pittman. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring gay & lesbian comics should sign up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

20 TUESDAY

Hearst Castle Outing for People with HIV: 2-day trip to San Simeon for people with HIV, and their guests. Spons by Shanti Project Activities Program. $160, limited scholarships available. Registration required, call 777-2273 for info (ask for the Events Line).

Coffee, Conversation & Canasta for Women & Men: Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders), see 8/6 listing for details.

Who is a Lesbian? Lesbian Uprising! monthly meeting tackles the question of lesbian identity. Who defines who we are? Are we born that way, or is it a political decision? Come share your views tonight. 6:30 pm social time, short business mtg at 7 pm, followed by discussion from 7:30-9 pm. SF location. Info: Marianne 695-2863.

"Nikola Tesla, The Man Who Changed the World," a talk by Rev Andrew Bozeman at Amron Metaphysical Ctr,

2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. 7 pm, free. Info: 775-0227.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: "Psyche's Tasks," Thea Adams speaks on how to unlock the mystery of the dramas that come to us thru the symbols & images of dreams. 7 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

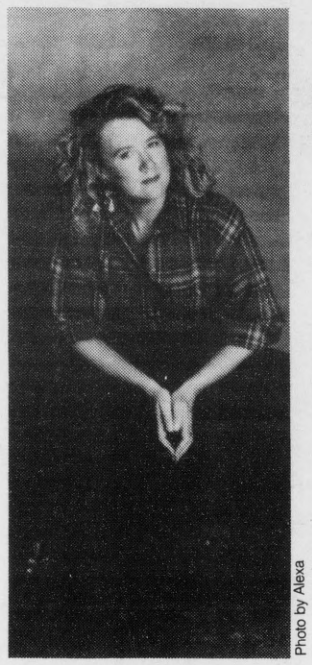
At Black Oak Books: David Jenkins & Yasuhiko Moiguchi give a bilingual reading of *The Dance of the Dust on the Rafters,* their poetry translation of ancient Japanese folk songs. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.

Non-Traditional Divination: Part of an ongoing series of wkly classes for women. Explore the use of tarot, runes & I Ching as a tool for personal transformaton as well as a highly valuable guide in decision-making and understanding. 3 classes: 8/20, 27 & 9/3. 7-:30-9:30 pm, $35-60 SL or $15-20 per class. Partial work exchange available. Beginners welcome! Info: Pati McDermott, psychic counselor & hypnotherapist, 652-6355.

Antioch Performing Arts Guild auditions for upcoming show, see 8/19.

Int'l Treaty Council monthly benefit at La Pena. Music & update. 7:30 pm, donation. Info: 566-0251.

KLITZ Sex Party for Womyn tonight! See 8/6 listing for details.



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21 WEDNESDAY

Bereavement Support for Senior Gay Men: See 8/7.

AIDS/HIV Nightline Needs Volunteers—see 8/7.

Porn 101 Class with Susie Bright at Good Vibrations, see 8/28.

Discovery/Men's Discussion Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets this afternoon, see 8/7 listing for details.

The AIDS Project of Jewish Family & Children's Service needs volunteers, see 8/7.

Poets Present Poets feartures "Novels in Progress, Part I," with readers Janet Capone, Cathy Cockrell, and Karen Kidd. 7 pm, $5-8. Women only. At Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakland. Info/res: 428-9684. Reservations suggested.

Poets present Poets at Mama Bears: Poets Janet Capone, Cathy Cockrell & Karen Kidd read from their novels-in-progress. 7 pm, $5-8. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.

Bi-Friendly UC support/social on the Berkeley campus, see 8/7.

Insurance for Visual Artists: Wkshop spons by Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA). An attorney reviews various forms of insurance coverage, discusses the pros & cons of investing in policies to protect your artwork & studio. 7-8:30 pm at Ft Mason Ctr Bldg B, SF. Room 300. $15. Info: 775-7200.

Spanish Video at La Pena: See *Vampiros en La Havana* (Vampires in Havana; 1986; Spanish, no subtitles, English synopsis available). Come find out what vampires from the Machado dictatorship, an anti-capitalist critique, cartoons & great jazz have in common. 7:30 pm, $3-5. Benefits the Venceremos Brigade. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

Author Patricia Nell Warren discusses her new book, *One is the Sun*, plus the eight years of research into Native American women's spirituality & her experiences as a Metis woman, which shaped her novel rich in Medicine teachings. $3 or free with book purchase. 7:30 pm at Gaia Bookstore, 1400 Shattuck Ave #15, Berkeley. Info: 548-4172.

At Black Oak Books: Mystery author Carolyn Hart (*Deadly Valentine; Something Wicked*) reads from *The Christie Caper*, the 6th in her Death on Demand series. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.

Pomo Afro Homos in "Fierce Love: Stories from Black Gay Life" at Josie's, see 8/14.

Brazilian Dance Music with *Claudia Gomez Trio*at Bahia Brasil, 600 Beach St, SF. 8 pm-midnight. Info: 931-8720.

Comedy Night at El Rio with Marga Gomez & Scott Capurro. 9 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

22 THURSDAY

Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders), see 8/8 listing for details.

Women's Business Network presents "A Financial Affair: Steps for Building Your Financial Success". 6-9 pm at Lake Merritt Boathouse, 568 Bellevue Ave, Oakland. Catering & table for your business cards provided. Info/reg: 271-0165.

Gay/Lesbian Progressive Dinner Party: Event designed to create an atmosphere where you can easily meet other men & women in the community who share your interests & ideas. Looking for a relationship? New friends? A chance to network? See you tonight—7 pm at Fior D'Italia, 601 Union St at Stockton, SF. $44 includes 3 course dinner, beverage, tax & tip. Info/RSVP: The Learning Annex 922-9900.

Gay Men's Sketch: Drop-in male figure drawing group. Classical nude modeling. 7 pm, $12. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 205. Info: 621-6294.

At Black Oak Books: Roshi Robert Aitken of Honolulu's Diamond Sangha & author of *The Gateless Barrier, Taking the Path of Zen,* and *The Mind of Clover* discusses his work tonight at 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.

Antioch Performing Arts Guild auditions for upcoming show, see 8/19.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: How Do You Find A Relationship That Works? Led by Dotty Calabrese. For directions & other info call Marilyn (415) 969-1260 or Lynn (408) 723-4196. All women are welcome!

Brazilian Dance Music with *Joyce Cooling Trio* at Bahia Brasil, 600 Beach St, SF. 8 pm-midnight. Info: 931-8720.

Pomo Afro Homos in "Fierce Love" at Josie's Cabaret, see 8/14.

African American writer Joy Gamble reads poetry & prose from her book-in-progress, "The Beginning of Remembering". Multi-art event includes dance & music by surprise guests. 8 pm at Old Wives Tales Bookstore. $3-10 donation benefits Old Wives Tales, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: 821-4675. 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF.

Cookie Wong & Mark Zannini at Quiet Storm, see 8/1.

Direct from Mexico City: Miguel Angel de la Cueva—see 8/15 listing for details. Last night at El Rio, don't miss!

23 FRIDAY

53rd Annual SF Flower Show: Today & tmw at the SF County Fair Bldg (formerly the Hall of Flowers), Golden Gate Park, 9th Ave & Lincoln Way, SF. 21 different flower societies join to present over 2,300 flower exhibits, one of the most spectacular displays in the country. Show includes educational exhibits, demos & lectures, as well as exhibits of cut flowers, potted plants & rare and exotic plant species. Also rare plant & fine craft sale. 10 am-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 srs, kids 15 & younger are free.

Marin BACW Dines Out: Join Bay Area Career Women for a wonderfully delicious (and moderately-priced) Afghan feast at Bamyan Restaurant in San Rafael. Spicy, but not hot. 7 pm. Reservations & $1 due by 8/19, contact Avril 383-6737 for details.

Betty Dodson Video Release Party at Good Vibrations. See her first video, *Self-Loving*, "a daring portrait of women's sexuality" by this activist/author & self-described "sexual evolutionist". Video available for sale ($39.95). 7 pm, 1210 Valencia St, SF. Info: 550-7399.

Herbal Erotica Class: Share a light meal of fragrant floral foods & learn about erotic aromatherapy, sensual massage oils, aphrodisiac teas & tinctures. Learn how to use herbs & essential oils to make romantic baths & warming, stimulating body oils. Includes samples to take home! 7:30-10 pm, $20-40 SL fee. Barter & work study available. Info/reg: Adam Seller 845-4028.

Club Dekadence at The Endup: Night of glamour & sleaze, see 8/2.

Erica Wheeler Concert at Mama Bears. 8 pm, $6-8. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.

Pomo Afro Homos in "Fierce Love: Stories from Black Gay Life" at Josie's Cabaret—two shows tonight, see 8/14 listing for details.

Singer/songwriters Nancy Schimmel (has written for Pete Seeger, the LimeLighters, Rosalie Sorrels & Vocalot. Her kids' tape, "All in this together" won a Parents' Choice award) and Hali Hammer (involved with Bread & Roses & Freedom Song Network) in concert at KBBK Studios, with Chet Gardiner on bass & acoustic guitar. 8 pm, $6. For location/res call 563-9046.

Cookie Wong & Mark Zanniniat Quiet Storm, see 8/1.

Nzinga at El Rio tonight, see 8/2 listing for details.

Slice of Brasil at Bahia Brasil, with Oba Brasil Floor Show. 9 pm-1 am, 600 Beach St, SF. Info: 931-8720.

24 SATURDAY

The Rebirth of Nature: Wkshop with Rupert Sheldrake, 9:30 am-5:30 pm. Explore our split attitudes on nature & machines. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Basic Composting Wkshop: Spons by SLUG (SF League of Urban Gardeners) & the SF Dept of Recycling. Learn how to make & use compost, even in a small apartment. Compost helps the environment by lessening the demand on landfills, also helps your garden & houseplants grow. 10 am at Garden for the Environment, 7th Ave & Lawton St. For pre-reg & more info call 468-0110.

The Healing Voice: Wkend (today & tmw, 10 am-5 pm) experiential intensive with Jill Purce. Examines the voice & its healing power thru the teachings of many traditions. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Strawberry Canyon Herb Walk: Learn to identify & use the edible & medicinal plants that grow wild in this area. Intro to wildcrafting, plant lore & botanical pharmacology. Get recipes for teas & wild foods, learn the basics of holistic healing. $5-11 SL fee. Meet 10 am at the Strawberry Canyon Fire Trail head, below UC Botanical Gardens on Centennial Drive. Call Adam Seller for directions/info: 845-4028.

Marin County Hike with SF Hiking Club. Hike from Mill Valley to Mountain Home. We'll start from Old Mill Park in Mill Valley, with 624 stairs on the Dipsea Trail, then take the Sun Trail to the Tourist Club (Turisten-Verein, a private club for nature friends), where German beer is available for sale (but no food), and where we'll stop for lunch. From there, we take the trail to Mountain Home & from there back to the Old Mill Park in Mill Valley. Except for the 624 stairs, this is a moderate 6-mile hike with elevation gain of 800 ft (most of this on the stairs in the first 20 min). Cost: $6 per car (includes bridge toll & gas) to be shared among passengers. Be sure to bring lunch & water to drink on trail. Meet 10 am under the big Safeway sign at Market & Dolores. Info: Joseph Itiel 647-0574.

Day at the Races with Mid-Peninsula BACW. Join Bay Area Career Women for a day of fun at Bay Meadows! For info or to RSVP (by 8/17, please) call Arminda 341-4501.

Wkend BA Degree Completion Program: Informational mtg at New College, see 8/3.

Reclaim Your Power: The Secret of Maximizing Your Potential; a workshop with Chi Kung Master Teacher Kaleghl Quinn, visiting from London. 11 am-4 pm today & tmw; and on 8/31 & 9/1. The first wkend includes meditative movement sequences to promote directional strength & resiliance; the second wkend includes basic steps to self-development/self-defense. Info/reg: Vicki 826-5244.

San Gregorio Beach Trip with Bi-Friendly Palo Alto. Noon-6 pm. For meeting place & other info call Gerard 493-1415.

Krewe Screw I: 1st annual in-town run spons by Celestial Krewe de Cuir. 3-6 pm. $8 includes beer/soda bust. Check-

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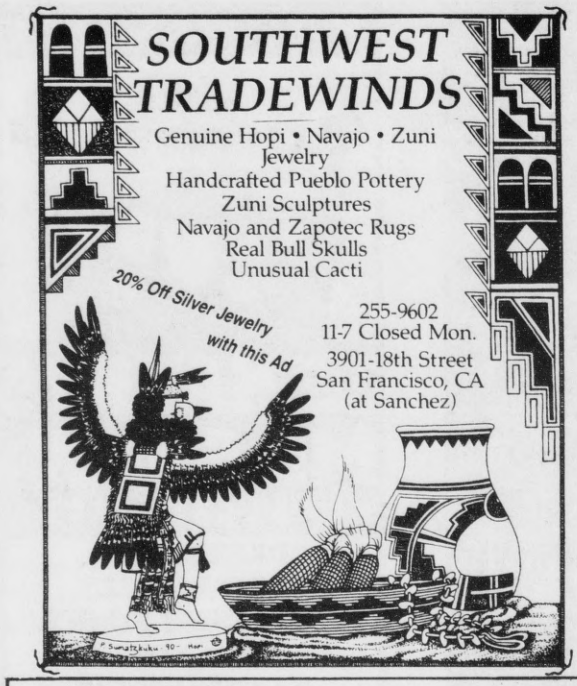

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25 SUNDAY

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Beginning Yoga Class: See 8/4.
Bi-Friendly SF Exploratorium Trip: Come have fun in the City's fantastic science museum. Tour concludes with an exclusive bi-friendly tour of the Tactile Dome (a maze in complete darkness, defintely not for the claustrophobic). 1 pm, $7. Reservations are limited, call ahead to reserve your space. Info: Chris 255-9370.
Creating Your Own Herbal Medicine Chest: 2-part class (2-6 pm today, 10:30 am-4:30 9/28, $60-110 SL fee) teaches you the basic skills of medicine-making, from harvest thru preparation to medicine chest. Make basic medicines that are the foundation of self-care for common ailments & first aid. Learn to make infusions, decoctions, syrups, tinctures, liniments, oils, salves & capsules. Each person will prepare their own personal medicine kit. Info/reg: Adam Seller 845-4028. Barter or work study available.
Women's Cancer Resource Ctr Volunteer Orientation: Come learn about the diverse & exciting volunteer opportunities available. New, old, and reentering volunteers are welcome. Come join us, you're needed! 3-6 pm at 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 548-9272.
Amazon Gathering in Sutro Park, SF: Come in Amazon gear! Bring finger food, drink, drums, rattles. Womyn only. Presented by MoonBlood, a Dianic Circle. Info: Lupa 751-8918.
Pianist Laura Spitzer performs works by Mozart, Ravel, Baley & Blakirev. Part of Old First Concert series. 4 pm, $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. 1751 Sacramento St at Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 474-1608.
Brazilian Rhythms at El Rio with Chalo Eduardo & *The Brasillian Beat*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
Tea & Classics at Josie's Cabaret: Members of the Bay Area Women's Philharmonic perform their monthly small ensemble event. 4 pm, $6. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Doug Gittins at Bahia Brasil: 7-10 pm, 600 Beach St, SF. Info: 931-8720.
Harvey Richards Film Night at La Pena: Three of his documentaries are screened. See *Perch of the Devil*, on Butte, Montana hard rock miners & their union; *The Land is Rich*, a United Farm Worker organizing film; and *Timber Tigers*, a film on US forestry practices. 7:30 pm, $5. Benefit for La Pena. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.
Homage to Karen Brodine at Modern Times Bookstore. A celebration of the posthumous publication of her work *Woman Sitting at the Machine, Thinking*, "a gem from one of America's finest avant garde/political poets". Readings from the book by Gwen Carmen, Lucha Corpi, David Joseph, Merle Woo and Nellie Wong. 7:30 pm, 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.
Weakening the Bars in the Prison of Gender series continues at A Different Light Bookstore, see 8/11 listing for program details.
Pomo Afro Homos in "Fierce Love: Stories from Black Gay Life" at Josie's Cabaret—final performance! See 8/14 listing for details.
Foggy City Dancers Performance Team present a gay & lesbian square dance exhibition and host the back bar tonight at the Corral, 2140 Market St, SF. 8 pm. See you there!
Cookie Wong & Mark Zannini at Quiet Storm, see 8/1.

Lypsinka!!! Aug 1-11 at Josie's.

26 MONDAY

Aikido Arts Center Classes—see 8/5 listing for details.
SF Police Officer Recruitment Drive, see 8/5.
Issues of Adult Children from Dysfunctional Families: Class spons by SF Community College's Castro-Valencia Center. 8-wks, free. Topics: Who are adult children? What are our symptoms? Some addictive hooks of adult children, family roots, the denial, the feelings, the secrets. What happened to our identity? self-esteem? intimate relationships? Recovering: What do I do now? Classes held at Everett Middle School, 450 Church St, SF. 6:30 pm, starting tonight. Info: 585-5212.
Bisexual Social/Adventure Group meets in Walnut Creek tonight, see 8/5 listing for details.
Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation, see 8/5.
Rounds Singing for Women—See 9/5 listing for details.
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27 TUESDAY

Coffee, Conversation & Canasta for Women & Men: Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders), see 8/6 listing for details.
The Dysfunctional Family: Free, 8-wk course offered thru SF Community College's Castro-Valencia Center. Topics: Origins, types & characteristsics of dysfunctional families; developmental issues & the adult child; intimacy, boundary & control issues; roles & rules; the process of treament; and tools of recovery. 6:30 pm at Everett Middle School, 450 Church St, SF. Info: 585-5212.
"Working with the Termially Ill," a talk by Rev Jack Walder, Shanti Project volunteer & Amron minister. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.
Preventive Law Wkshop on co-home ownership agreements: holding title, sharing (unequal) interests, providing for expenses, sale and/or breakup, dispute resolution. 7-9 pm, $25. Info/res: Law offices of Linda M Scaparotti, 835-0850.
Teaching English Abroad: Informational session on teaching English overseas. Spons by Teachers Network. 7-8 pm at 1533 Pine St btwn Polk & Van Ness, SF. Info: 985-7111.
Making Face, Making Soul: How do feminist women of color view our society in the 1990s? Tonight's Radical Women mtg discusses book edited by Gloria Anzaldua, as part of their Feminist Theory Series. 6:45 pm dinner ($5 donation), mtg begins at 7:30 pm. 523A Valencia St at 16th, SF. Info: 864-1278.
At Black Oak Books: Journalist Karen Schwarz discusses her book *What You Can Do For Your Country: An Oral History of the Peace Corps*, her complete history of the Peace Corps, told by the volunteers on the eve of the PC's 30th anniversary. 7:30 pm, 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.
Non-Traditional Divination: Part of an ongoing series of classes for women, see 8/20 listing for details.
At Cody's Books: Author & UC Berkeley law professor Phillip Johnson discusses his new book *Darwin on Trial*, a "brilliant & devastating" attack on the Darwinian concept of evolution. 8 pm, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7952.
KLITZ Sex Party for Womyn tonight! See 8/6 listing for details.

28 WEDNESDAY

Bereavement Support for Senior Gay Men: See 8/7 listing for details.
Porn 101 with Susie Sexpert: Susie Bright, former *On Our Backs* editor and author, presents a class on erotic film & video at SF's women's sex toy emporium, Good Vibrations. Class includes screening of erotic movies, followed by discussion. Class meets 9/4 thru 10/9 at 7 pm, enrollment is limited, students must register by today. Call 550-7399 for info. Fee $50.
AIDS/HIV Nightline needs volunteers, see 8/7.
The AIDS Project of Jewish Family & Children's Services seeks volunteers, see 8/7.
Bi-Friendly UC support/social on the Berkeley campus, see 8/7.
Age Play Class with Sybil Holiday. Spons by QSM as part of their educational & artistic series for the s/m community. Many s/m players have one or several younger personalities inside—rebellious teenager, daddy's boy, Catholic schoolgirl, cranky baby—Sybil explains how to find gear & create scenarios that both the top & bottom can enjoy. Men & women (over 21) of all sexual orientations are welcome. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm in a private SF space. Info/location: 550-7776.
Aarin Burch Video Night at La Pena. Burch screens several of her works ranging from a documentary on biracial identity to her Club Q music videos. 7:30 pm, $5-8. No one turned away for lack of funds. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.
At Black Oak Books: Joint reading by poets Miriam Sagan (*Aegean Doorway, Dangerous Body, Talking You Down*) and Patricia Donegan (*Bone Poems, Hot Haiku*). 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.
Bondage Buddies meet for a fun bondage play nite in a well equipped, near-Castro dungeon. $10. Info/location: 292-3228.
Global Riot, SF's only gay & lesbian comedy improv group, led by longtime comic Suzy Berger, perform at Josie's Cabaret. 8 pm, $8; Wednesdays starting tonight, thru 9/25. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Sacred Circle Dance: Folk dancing for lesbians & gays, and friends—see 8/14 listing for details.
Brazilian Dance Music with *Claudia Gomez Trio* at Bahia Brasil, 600 Beach St, SF. 8 pm-midnight. Info: 931-8720.
Comedy Night at El Rio with Danny Williams, Marilyn Pittman, and others TBA. 9 pm, $5. Info: 282-3325. 3158 Mission St, SF.

29 THURSDAY

10th Dignity/USA Biennial Convention: Today thru 9/2 in Washington, DC. Workshops, panels & social events. The program is built around 5 themes: AIDS, women in the church, violence against lesbians & gay men, the role of conscience & dissent, and basic human rights. Childcare provided, register in advance. For info call (415) 923-1849 or write Dignity/USA Convention '91, PO Box 29661, Washington, DC 20017.
Escape to Alcatraz for people with HIV: Take the Red & White Fleet to Alcatraz for a tour for people with HIV & their guests. Spons by Shanti Project Activities Program. $4 per person includes free headset tour. Sign-up required, scholarships available. For info call the Events Line, 777-2273.
Miniature Golf Night with Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group. Come have some outdoor fun at Golfland (El Camino & Wolfe in Sunnyvale). 6:30 pm. For directions & other info call Marilyn (415) 969-1260 or Lynn (408) 723-4196. All women are welcome!
Gay Men's Sketch: Drop-in male figure drawing group. Classical nude modeling. 7 pm, $12. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 205. Info: 621-6294.
21st Anniversary of the Chicano Moratorium: In the Spirit of Chicano, Mexicano, Indigenous Resistance & Self-Determination—a commemoration at La Pena. Features films *Requiem 29*, a documentation of the 1970 riot in LA, and Corky Gonzales' *I am Joaquin*. Followed by Aztec dancers & discussion. 7 pm, $6-10. Benefit for Centro de Aztlan. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.
At El Rio tonight: *Susu & the Cairo Cats; Amina;* and the Aswan Dancers. 9:30 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
Panel Discussion on Ritual at Gaia Bookstore: Contributors from the groundbreaking anthology *The Goddess Celebrates* discuss the central place of ritual in their lives. Panelists include Uzuri Amini, Claudia L'Amoreaux & Shekhinah Mountainwater. Bring your questions, ideas & personal experiences to share. Group ritual completes the evening's presentation. 7:30 pm, $3; free with book purchase. Gaia Bookstore, 1400 Shattuck Ave #15, Berkeley. Info: 548-4172.
Dirty Games of a Clean-Cut Kid: Musical dealing with the dreams, memories & fears of a group of men facing their HIV test results—a sexy, sometimes nasty, irreverent & moving look at gay men's lives. Plays Thurs-Sun tonight thru 9/29 at 8 pm at Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. $10. Info/res: 861-7933.
Brazilian Dance Music with *Joyce Coolings Trio* at Bahia Brasil, 600 Beach St, SF. 8 pm-midnight. Info: 931-8720.
ETVC Party: ETVC, the TV/TS & Friends Social/Support Group, presents "Dance, Dance, Dance," an end of the month party with prizes for dancers & dance costumes. SF location. For info call 849-4112, 763-3959, or write ETVC, Box 426486, SF 94142.
Two August Pilot: An eve of dance featuring the works of emerging Bay Area choreographers at New Performance Gallery, see 8/1 listing for details.

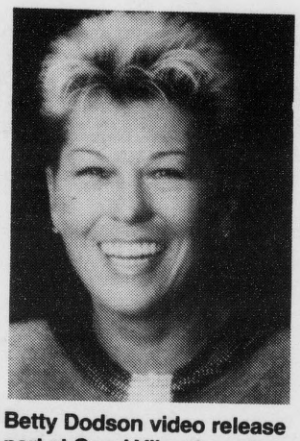
30 FRIDAY

8th Annual Latina Lesbian Retreat spons by Lesbianas Unidas: Deadline for childcare & vendor applications, see 8/15 listing for details.
TGIF at "B" Street—see 8/2.

COUPLES of SF/Bay Area: Gay/lesbian couples club general membership meeting. All members & interested couples are welcome! Info/location: 929-8402.
COUPLES of SF/Bay Area, gay/lesbian couples club Movie Night: For location, time & other info call 929-8402.
Weakening the Bars in the Prison of Gender series continues at A Different Light Bookstore, see 8/11 listing for program details.
Dirty Dreams of a Clean-Cut Kid at Josie's Cabaret, see 8/29 listing for details.
Club Dekadence at The Endup: Night of glamour & sleaze, see 8/2.
Afro-Cuban Jazz with Bobby Matos & *The Heritage Ensemble*. 8:30 pm, $8 adv, $9 at door. La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.
At El Rio tonight: *Nzinga*—see 8/2 listing for details.
Brazilian Dance Music with *Slice of Brasil*, plus Oba Brasil floor show at Bahia Brasil, 600 Beach St, SF. 9 pm-1 am. Info: 931-8720.
Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret: Come laugh yourself silly with Margaret Cho & Scott Capurro. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

31 SATURDAY

Los Angeles Tennis Assoc (LATA) National Championships: Today thru 9/2. 8th year of this tournament, the largest on the national gay & lesbian tennis circuit. This year's event features open & recreational women's singles divisions, in addition to women's doubles competition. Over 200 players are expected to come to this event, held in Long Beach, Calif, to play tennis, have fun with other lesbian/gays, and take advantage of the cooler ocean breezes. Tournament includes a full, fun entertainment program. $60 entry fee ($45 if only entering one event) includes the tournament banquet & the mixer party. Free housing available by request, hotel discounts available. For info/entry forms write LATA, PO Box 481226, Los Angeles, CA 90048 or call the tournament director: John Westfall (213) 438-5897.

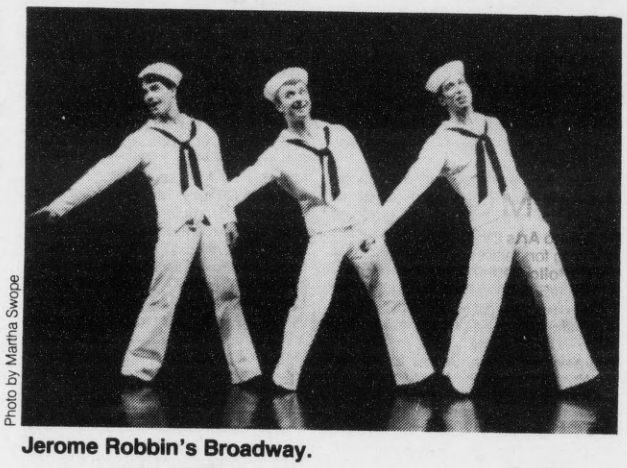


Betty Dodson video release part at Good Vibrations Aug 23.

Wkend BA Degree Completion Program: Informational meeting at New College, see 8/3 listing for details.
Reclaim Your Power Wkshop with Chi Kung Master Kaleghl Quinn, see 8/24 listing for details.
Women Who Laugh Too Much! A comedy benefit for La Casa de Las Madres. 8 pm, $7-10. Women only. Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.
Weakening the Bars in the Prison of Gender series continues at A Different Light Bookstore, see 8/11 listing for details.
Dirty Dreams of a Clean-Cut Kid at Josie's Cabaret, see 8/29 listing for details.
Brazilian Dance Music with *Slice of Brasil*; plus Oba Brasil floor show at Bahia Brasil, 600 Beach St, SF. Info: 931-8720.
Brazilian Dance Party at La Pena with *Voz Do Brazil*. Plus floor show featuring Aquarela Brazilian dance group. 9:30 pm, $8. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.
Gay Comedy Nightb at Josie's Cabaret with Danny Williams, Mario Mondelli & Karla Carmony. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Rock at El Rio with *Hellen Keller Plaid, Colorfinger,* and *Cult of One*. 10 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

ON STAGE

Drag Queens in Outer Space by Sky Gilbert. Lively, irreverent satire. Three drag queens who are best friends prepare for a glittering extravaganza & contest. As they preen & exchange razor sharp banter, an arch-rival's gift rockets them to outer space where they have a dream-like surrealistic adventure. Theatre Rhinoceros production. Runs Wed-Sun thru 8/17 at 8 pm. Tix $9-17. Info/res: 861-5079. 2926 16th St, SF.
The Power of Sex by Deborah Sabin. An intimate comedy exploring a sex surrogate's realization that her own fears & inadequacies are similar to those of her clients. Smash Productions. Runs 8 pm Fri-Sun thru 8/25. Tix $12 & $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St at Folsom, SF. Info/res: 621-4423.
The Illusion by Pierre Corneille. Berkeley Repertory Theatre's production of this 17th century fantastical comedy romance dealing with love, betrayal, life, death. Play runs thru 8/11, call for showtimes/reservations & other info: 845-4700. 2025 Addison St at Shattuck, Berkeley.
The Kathy & Mo Show: Parallel Lives, comedy written by and starring Kathy Najimy & Mo Gaffney. Obie Award-winning show at Theatre on the Square, SF. For showtimes, tix & other info call 433-9500.
Bus Stop by William Inge. Romantic comedy explores loneliness and the need to love. North Beach Repertory Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sun thru 8/11 at 8 pm, $12 gen'l, $10 stdnts & srs. North Beach Repertory Theatre, 2801 Leavenworth St, SF. Third floor, The Cannery. Info/res: 928-4860.
Family Secrets by Sheri Glaser. Poignantly funny portrait of 3 generations of family life. Tues-Thurs at 8 pm, Sat 7 pm, thru 8/18. Tix $10 Tues-Sat, $12 Sat. The Improv, 401 Mason St, SF. Info/res: 441-7808.
Amulets Against The Dragon Forces by Paul Zindel. Set in 1955, story centers on a vulnerable adolescent who, with his overbearing and overprotective mother, are forced to care for and confront a dying woman and her abusive, alcoholic homosexual son. Actors Theatre of SF production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, thru 8/11. 533 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 296-9179.
Just Like Me by Joe Besecker. Helen is unnerved because her twins have dug up the body of a famous playwright, and her dead husband is still thinking about those snails. JB Enterprises production. Runs 8/8-9/1, Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 3 pm. Intersection for the Arts, 446 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 626-6715.
Jerome Robbins' Broadway, a tribute to productions either conceived, choreographed or directed by Mr Robbins. Wed-Sun, 8/14-9/8. Golden Gate Theatre, 1 Taylor St, SF.
Bye, Bye Brunhilde by Camille Roy returns to the stage for a 2-week run at Theatre Rhinoceros. Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 7 pm, thru 8/25. 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079. Tix $8.
Come Back to the 5 & Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean, Bedini Theatre Project production. Set in rural Texas in 1975, tells the story of 6 women gathered in the local "5 & Dime" for the 20 year anniversary of their James Dean fan club. Runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm, 8/16-9/20. Miz Brown's Restaurant Theatre, 2565 Mission St, SF. Info/res: 921-2769.



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Jerome Robbin's Broadway.

The Architect & The Emperor of Assyria by Arrabal, translation from the French by Everard D'Harnoncourt & Adele Shank. Two-man play set on a deserted island. Victorian mores clash with contemporary social issues such as homo eroticism, gender roles, co-dependency, comic mayhem ensues. The Human Family Pain production. Previews 8/8 (free), runs Fri & Sat 8/9 & 10, Thurs-Sat 8/22-9/7. 21 Bernice Theatre, on Bernice St off 12th, btwn Folsom & Harrison. $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs, $1 off on Thurs. Info/res: 863-5946.
Search & Destroy by Howard Korder. Exploration of the current nature and price tag of the American Dream. Encore Theatre Co production. Runs Wed-Fri at 8 pm, Sat at 6 & 9:30 pm thru early Sept. Exceptions: 8/31 & 9/7 at 8 pm, 9/1 & 8 at 3 pm. Tix $15 gen'l, $12 stdnts & srs. ACT Playroom, 450 Geary St, SF. Info/res: 567-6076.
Sal, conceived & performed by Carlos Gonzalez, written by Richard Talavera. A glimpse into the life of the late young Italian actor Sal Mineo who came to Hollywood at 15 to star with James Dean in "Rebel Without A Cause." While rehearsing for "PS Your Cat Is Dead," Mineo confronts his sexuality, his failed career, and the crushing realization that artistic integrity is sometimes worthless. Runs 8/14-9/1 at Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF. Tix $10 & $12. Info/res: 626-9196.
Commedia on Broadway Italian comedy in English, original material, directed by Jeanne Thomas. Tutti Fruitti Commedia Co production. Runs Mon & Tues, 8/12-27, 9/2-17 at 8 pm. Tix $10. On Broadway Theater, 435 Broadway, SF. Info/res: 398-1541.
Farrago, an avalanche of hilarity in a modern jazz cabaret based on the Faust legend. The People Show No 94 production. Runs Wed-Sun at 8:30 pm thru 8/25. On Broadway Theater, 435 Broadway, SF. Tix $15. Info/res: 398-1541.
The Possibilities by Howard Barker. Series of short sketches by one of Britain's most controversial playwrights. Explores the tension between passion and control and individual freedom. Mirror Theatre Co production. Runs 8/2 & 3, 9-11 at 8 pm at The SOMAR Theatre, 934 Brannan btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Tix $8. Info/res: 821-4202.
Antigone by Sophocles. Harvest Theatre Co production of the Greek classic play, an examination of the eternal conflict between personal morality & public duty. Previews 8/1 at 8 pm, runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, 8/2-17, 8/11 at 2 pm. Ehrer Theatre, 225 Geneva Ave, SF. Tix $12 gen'l, $9 srs. Info/res: 563-1431.
The Marriage Proposal and **The Bear**, two classic Checkhov one-acts presented by North Beach Repertory Theatre. 8/3-4, 10-11, 17-18 and 24-25 at 2 pm. North Beach Repertory Theatre, 2801 Leavenworth, SF. In the Cannery Bldg. Tix $8 at door, $6 adv. Info/res: 928-4860.
M Butterfly David Henry Hwang's Tony Award winning play previews 8/6 & 7, runs thru 9/1 at the Curran Theatre. For showtimes & other info call 441-0919.
Bay Area Playwrights Festival IV features works by 7 Bay Area playwrights: Scott Kessler's treatise on the asbestos scandal, "Last Stair & Stumble," D. Garrison's story of love in the AIDS era, "Shall We Dance," Erin Wilson's coming of age drama, "Cross Dressing in the Depression," Richard Haratini's tale of Vietnamese immigrants in SF's Tenderloin, "Inner Life," Cary Groner's surreal Afro-Carribean dance & music drama "The Sword, the Hand," a English language version of Russian playright Marina Schron's "The Guest," and the latest installment in Anna Deveare Smith's "On the Road" cycle. 8/6-25. For showtimes & other info call 441-8822.
SF Mime Troupe returns for their 29th year of free shows in the parks. This year's production, "Back to Normal," a comedy with music. It's 4 am and the air-

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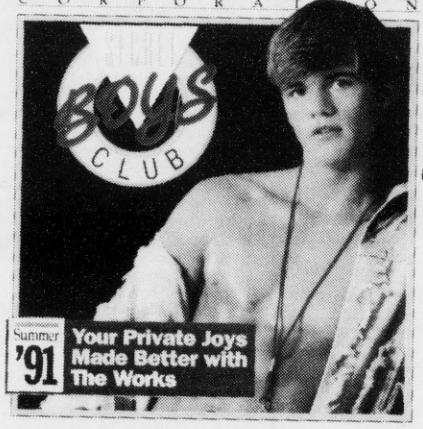

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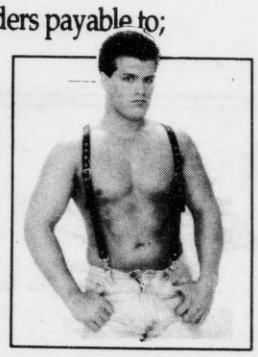

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Ceramicist Elizabeth Swenson is one of the artists whose work will be featured at the Pacific States Craft Fair, August 9-11.

GALLERIES

On Exhibit at the de Young: "Albert Bierstadt: Art & Enterprise," thru 9/1; "Viewpoints XV: A Time of Change—Northern California Women Artists, 1895-1920," thru 8/25; "The Caroline & H McCoy Jones Collection of Kilims, Pile Rugs, Kuba Embroideries & Pygmy Bark Cloths," thru 11/1. "Lace in the Age of the Machine," thru 2/23/92. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm (open till 8:45 pm first Wed of each month, free admission). Fee: $5 gen'l, $2 srs & kids 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.

Calif Palace of the Legion of Honor: Lincoln Park, off 34th Ave & Clement St, SF. "Recent Acquisitions of the Achenbach Foundation for Graphic Arts," Part I: 1500-1950, thru 9/8. "European Art of the 20th Century," thru 10/13; "Selections from the R. Thornton Wilson Collection at the Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art," thru 12/8. Hrs. Wed-Sat 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $5 gen'l, $2 srs & kids 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Admission free for everyone first Sat morning of month, 10 am-noon & all day first Wed of month. Info: 750-3614.

Asian Art Museum: "The Playful Heart: Inro & Netsuke," exhibit includes approximately 200 objects selected from the museum's permanent collection of miniature sculptures; it coincides with the 1991 int'l convention of the Netsuke Kenkyukai Society in SF, 9/19-24. Exhibit runs thru 10/13. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm, and until 8:45 pm every 1st Wed of the month. Admission free on 1st Wed & 1st Sat mornings. Reg admission: $5 gen'l, $2 srs & youth ages 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 751-2500.

Jewish Community Museum: "Harry Lieberman: 100 Something," an exhibit of the work of this extraordinary American artist who began his career in 1956 at the age of 80, and worked until his death at 106. Exhibit runs thru 8/31. 121 Steuart St, SF. Hrs: Sun & Tues-Fri, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Sat & Mon. Admission free. Info: 543-8880.

Judah L Magnes Museum: Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm, closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: 849-2710. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

Ansel Adams Center: 1990 Mother Jones Int'l Fund for Documentary Photography exhibit of over 50 images, the work of 9 prize-winning photographers; on exhibit thru 9/15. "Of Time & Place," works by Walker Evans & William Christenberry, exploring the unique vision & common ground these artists found in thier studies of one rural area (Hale County, Alabama); thru 9/8. "Toward A Truer Life: Photographs of China, 1980-1990," exhibit of color prints by Reagan Louie, documenting the photographer's self-discovery & China's surge toward Western-style modernization. Thru 9/8. 250 Fourth St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

SF Camerawork: "Beyond Belief," exhibit explores how organized religion shapes the lives & identities of its followers. Works by Kathryn Eldredge, Cristina Emmanuel, J John Priola, Anne Rowland, Alan Rutberg, Kim Stringfellow, Lewis Toby. Thru 8/17. 70 12th St, SF. Hrs: noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat. Info: 621-1001.

Hatley Martin Gallery: Hrs: Tues-Sat, 11 am-5 pm, or by appt. 41 Powell St, SF. Info: 392-1015.

Cartoon Art Museum: "Electronic Comics & Computer Art," on exhibit thru 9/14. 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat.

New Langton Arts: 3rd Annual Susan Watkins Award Exhibit features the work of Andrea Brewster, Bette Burgoyne, Nole Giulini and Jordan Biren. This award is given to artists who are at fairly young stages of their careers. Exhibit runs thru 8/17. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Info: 626-5416.

Robert Dana Gallery: Oils, works on paper & serigraphs by Patricia Torres. Hrs: 11 am-7 pm Mon & Thurs-Sat; noon-6 pm Sun. Tues & Wed by appt only. Info: 749-1849.

Michael Dunev Gallery: "After the Fire," recent paintings by Mark Eanes, thru 8/10. 77 Geary St, SF. Info: 398-7300.

Circle Gallery: Victor Vasarely, Yaacov Agam, Yvaral: Provocative exhibit of paintings & rare limited edition graphics & multiples. Thru 8/24. 140 Maiden Lane, Union Square, SF. Hrs: Mon-Sat 10 am-6 pm, noon-5 pm. Info: 989-2100.

Circle Gallery: Ghirardelli Square, 900 North Point, SF. Hrs: Sun-Wed 10:30 am-6 pm, Thurs-Sat, 10 am-8 pm. Info: 776-2370.

Art Lick Gallery: "O No Monster," works by Mark Paron. Paintings, sculpture, furniture, jewelry & industrial fashion (in collaboration with designer Q-Rolo). Thru 8/25. 4147 19th St, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sat, noon-7 pm, Sun noon-6 pm. Info: 621-5131.

ATA Gallery: Artists Television Access, 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Hrs: Sat 11:30 am-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 824-3890.

Walter/McBean Gallery, SF Art Institute: "The Evolutionary Path to Trigram," an installation/performance work by by kinetic sculptor & performance artist Chico MacMurtrie. Features computer-driven robotic sculptures, videos & drawings. Thru 8/24. 800 Chestnut St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 10 am-5 pm, Thurs until 8 pm. Info: 771-7020.

Galeria Museo, Mission Cultural Center: 2868 Mission St, btwn 24th & 25th, SF. Info: 821-1155.

Vorpal Gallery: 393 Grove St, SF. Info: 397-9200.

At SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Eliminating Definitions," installations by Marie Johnson Calloway, Poe Dismuke, Dolph Gotelli & Marcia Donahue; thru 8/25. "California Cutlery," handmade knives & related cutlery items; thru 8/25. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

Richmond Art Ctr: "Hmong Story cloths: The Threads of War," exhibit of Laotian story cloths & handicrafts depicting the recent history of a Laotian village dislcoated during a lengthy war waged by two greater power in Southeast Asia. The tragic events which befell these people were recorded by the women survivors in refugee camps in Thailand, where many villagers fled following their forced exodus from their homeland. In the Community Gallery, thru 9/15. Hrs: 10 am-4:30 pm Tues-Fri, noon-4:30 pm Sat & Sun. Wheelchair Accessible. Civic Ctr Plaza, Richmond. Info: 620-6772.

UC Extension Center Galleria: Black & white photos by Steven Raskin; thru 8/23. In the Downstairs Gallery, color photos by Timothy Tracz, thru 8/9. 55 Laguna St, SF. For gallery hours & other info call 861-6833.

University Art Museum: Major exhibit of works by German artist Rosemarie Trockel, thru 9/8. Matrix Gallery features concurrent installations by painter Ernst Caramelle & photographer Tim Maul, thru 9/15. Hrs: Wed-Sun 11 am-5 pm. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley.

Eye Gallery: 1151 Mission St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5:30 pm. Info: 431-6911.

Gallery Arcade: 484 9th St nr Broadway, Oakl. Hrs: Mon-Fri 10 am-5:30 pm, Sat 10 am-5 pm. Info: 271-7909.

New World Gallery: 4124 18th St (off Castro), SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11:30 am-5:30 pm. Info: 864-3575.

Nelson Morales Gallery: Paintings & Sculptures by Sona Holeman & Maya Sands. Thru 8/20. 1005 Market St, SF. Hrs: Mon, Tues, Sat, noon-6 pm; Wed 10 am-2 pm. Info: 255-1432.

Fobbo Gallery: 3747 23rd St at Chattanooga, SF. Info: 695-0640.

John Pence Gallery: "Introductions '91", California landscapes by Robert Goldman, thru 8/3. 750 Post St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Sat 10 am-6 pm.

Bomani Gallery: Mixed media works by Dewey Crumpler, Todd Gray, Nena Shanks Lewis, Carrie Mae Weems & Pat Ward Williams. 251 Post St, SF, 6th floor. Hrs: Tues-Fri 11 am-5 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. Info: 298-8677.

La Galerie des Artistes Francais: 2901 Pine St at Baker, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-6 pm, and by appt. Info: 292-4662.

Mace Space for Art: Hrs: Tues-Fri, 5-9 pm, Sat 10 am-9 pm. 1319 Pine St, SF. Info: 931-9670.

Vision Gallery: Works by Len Prince & 3 French photographers, on exhibit thru 8/10. 1155 Mission St btwn 7th & 8th, SF. Info: 621-2107.

Pro Arts Gallery: "Blue Book Chronicles: About War & Peace," a non-juried exhibit featuring works made of, on, or in "blue books," standardized examination booklets. Exhibit explores themes of war & peace. Thru 8/17. Hrs: Wed-Sat 11 am-5 pm. 461 9th St (off Broadway), Oakland. Info: 763-4361.

Morphos Gallery: Group exhibit by 11 emerging Bay Area artists—Mike Chittock, Emilie Clark, Don Fritz, Frank Garvey, Nina Glaser, Bruce Helmberger, Marsha Irwin, Kathryn Kain, Patricia Sannit, Elly Simmons & Arin Wiscomb. Thru 8/31. Hrs: Thurs noon-9:30 pm, Fri noon-5 pm, Sat noon-5 pm, and by appt. 544 Hayes St, SF. Info: 626-1936.

Somar Gallery: Exhibit of works by selected artists from the 1990 Open Studios. Works by Peter Chrisler, George Ernston, Donelle Estey, Naomi Schlinke, John Paul Turnage. 934 Brannan St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-4 pm. Info: 861-9838.

Capp Street Project/AVT: New multimedia installation by George Stone. Stones' work consists of kinetic installation manipulating sculpture, projected imagery, text, electronically produced sound & controlled movements to confront repressed or overlooked aspects of human experience; thru 9/28. "To Be Administered Before Sleep," photographic installation by Erika Suderburg. Exhibit addresses issues of memory, history & cultures thru photos mounted on slate & partially buried in earth. 8/16-9/28, opening reception 8/15, 5:30-7:30 pm, public lecture 9/26 at 7:30 pm. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Info: 626-7747. 270 14th St, btwn Misison & Van Ness, SF.

SF Arts Commission Gallery: "Sal Terrae," (salt of the earth), an exhibit of a temporary, site-specific work by Mie Preckler, suggesting "a duality of ruins & remains," an investigation of salt's capacity to embrace seemingly contradictory qualities, to both preserve & destroy life. Exhibit runs thru 9/27. Hrs: Tues-Fri 11 am-5 pm, Thurs 11 am-8 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. Closed 8/31. Disability Access. 155 Grove St, SF.

The Lab Gallery: "Persistent Memory," works by Lisa Kokin. Hrs: Wed-Sat, noon-5 pm. 1807 Divisadero St, SF. Info: 346-4063.

The Clay Studio: "Balancing Act," an exhibit of drawings, paintings & painted objects by Barbara Jackson. Thru 8/24. Hrs: Wed, Fri & Sat 10 am-5 pm or by appt. Info: 431-6296. 52 Julian St, SF.

Koncepts Cultural Gallery: Works by Sarita Johnson-Calvo. 8/4-10/4. Artist's reception: 8/18, 2-4 pm. 480 3rd St, Oakland. Info: 763-0682.

Falkirk Galleries: "Guerilla Girls Talk Back: Retrospective 1985-1990," exhibit addresses issues of discrimination against women artists & artists of color. 1408 Mission at E St, San Rafael. Info: 485-3328.

Turn of the Century Fine Arts: "The 1st Century Exhibition," an exhibit of artist-made furniture, painting, sculpture, photography & other expressions of aesthete. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sat. 2518 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-0950.

KBBK Studios: Art exhibit of "primitivo" paintings from the Guatemalan highlands. Thru 8/25. Portion of proceeds benefit the Nature Conservancy. Hrs: Wed 4-7 pm, Sun 2-5 pm. 465 Broderick St, SF. Info: 563-9046.

"The Jazz Image-4," photos by William Gottlieb, Robert Parent, Liza Malm & Clayton Call. Thru 9/30. Kimball's East, 5800 Shellmound St, Emeryville. Info: 658-2555.

"Homeworks: Inquiries into the Use of the Home as a Museum," exhibit spons by Secession Gallery. Exhibit takes place in the homes of 4 SF artists & on Viacom Cable Channel 25. Each artist creates an installation based upon the theme of the home as an alternative to a gallery or museum. Homes are open to the public for viewing on Sat & Sun, noon-6 pm, 8/3-25. Artists will be present. Artists/locations: Roberta Fudim, "Home," 1722 Steiner St. Pilar Olabarria, "I have known the evenings, mornings, afternoons, I have measured out my life with coffee spoons," 374 Arguello St; NK Rusnell, "The Incandescent Inferno," 1312 18th St. Alison Ulman, "Alison Ulman's Art Ranch: Humanity Remains," 136 Alpha St. Info: Secession Gallery 641-4967.

"Circles & Rhythms," exhibit of mixed media drawings by Elizabeth Hack at AMEX Life Assurance Company, 8/5-9/15. Sale proceeds benefit LEAP, an SF-based organization spons visual & art programs in elementary schools. Hrs: Mon-Fri 10 am-3 pm. 1650 Los Gamos Dr, San Rafael. Info: 492-7000.

"Homeless in California," photo essays by John Jernegand & Scott Braley; a chronicle of the 3-year struggle of the Oakland Union of the Homeless and Rufus, an African-American ironworker & Vietnam vet, to reclaim his life from alcoholism & homelessness. Thru the month at La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Opening reception 8/4, 4-6 pm.

Amanda Hendricks/Cliff Hengst: Silkscreened wall pieces & Astroturn pooltable/new wall works dealing with gay themes. Thru 8/10 at Anti-Matter Space for Art, 190 Capp St at 17th St, SF. Hrs: 2-7 pm daily. Info: 621-5376.

Frisch Bears It at the Lone Star Saloon in August: Bear-toons by Frisch—old, new, unpublished, originals, prints & t-shirts. 8/1-15. Artist's reception on 8/1, 7-9 pm, with a surprise following the Simpsons at 8:30. 25 percent of all proceeds benefit the AIDS EM Fund. 1354 Harrison St, SF. Info: 863-9999. Prices start at $10.

RESOURCE GUIDE

AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 563-0724 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7:30 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Parking & assisted access available. Call 252-9200.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: 836-4401.

New Friends: a group made up of people with AIDS who help those who have been newly diagnosed. Info: 928-5352.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

Benefits Orientation for Persons with AIDS & ARC: SF AIDS Foundation holds 2 wkly orientations for persons with AIDS & ARC on how to access governmental financial assistance programs, & what social services are available in SF. Info: 864-5855, 9am-6 pm, Mon-Fri.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

California Partner Study/UCSF offers support, education, testing, lab work and physical exams for bisexual men and their female partners. All services are free. Eligible couples must have at least one member who is a person with AIDS/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: 845-2331 or (800) 262-2430.

UCSF Coping Project seeks men who are caregivers to their partners who have AIDS to learn about the stress of caregiving, how caregivers cope with these stresses, and how caregiving affects health & psychological well-being. For info on how you can help call Anne Christopher at the UCSF Coping Project 597-9177.

AIDS Care Study/UCSF seeks to interview men & women who are currently caring for a friend, partner, or family member with AIDS or symptomatic HIV infection. The study looks at the difficulties & rewards of caregiving and assesses the availability & use of services for PWAs & caregivers. Participants are interviewed 3 times over a one-year period and are paid $25 per interview. For details call 476-7732 or 476-7733.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. 7 pm at 1855 Folsom St at 15th,, SF. Room 521. For mtg days & other info contact Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 821-8764.

Gay Male Drop-In Group: for alcohol/substance abuse & HIV concerns. Tues 7-9 pm at Operation Concern/Operation Recovery. Intake appt: 626-7000.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services of Black & White Men Together/Men of All Colors Together (BAHSES-BWMT/MACT) deals with issues & problems surrounding AIDS & its impact on the people of color communities. Info: 749-6714. Fax: 749-6706.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 553-8806.

Marin AIDS Support Network: emotional support for persons with AIDS or ARC & their loved ones, outreach & education. Info: 457-AIDS.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for people with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men & women testing positive. Thurs 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay 420-8181

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Service Thru Touch offers massage for PWAs who are hospitalized, or live in Shanti residences or Coming Home Hospice. Massage referral for PWAs also available, at very low SL fee. Info: 664-6904 Tues, Wed & Fri, 12:30-3:30 pm.

Free Chiropractic Clinic for people with AIDS. Info: 282-4622.

Open Hand delivers hot meals to people with AIDS/ARC. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A doctor's report of a diagnosis of AIDS or ARC is all that is necesssary to receive service. Info: 558-0600.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families, friends & loved ones. PWA & HIV-impacted support groups, outreach & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: 313-6770.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

The Rest Stop Support Center is a place for and by people with AIDS/ARC/HIV+, and their friends. Drop-in for some coffee & conversation. Ctr sponsors attitudinal healing support groups & activities. Art wkshops, social gatherings & more. For group mtg times & other info call 621-REST. All events are free.

Easy Does It Coffeehouse for artists addressing HIV issues. Monthly performance space for poets, songwriters & other performers who are affected or concerned with HIV. Supportive place to try out works in progress, read/perform work by others, or just listen. Hosted by musician Betsy Rose. For date, time & other info call 525-7082 or 621-1701. 134 Church St (across from Safeway), SF. Spons by Shanti & the Calif Arts Council.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

St Dominic's AIDS/ARC/HIV + Support Group meets alternate Tues eves at 7:30 pm at St Dominic's Parish Priory, 2390 Bush St, SF. Everyone welcome! Info: 567-7824.

The Center: provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 3421 ML King Jr. Way, Oakland 94609. Info: 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos House: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

Multiple Loss Support Group spons by Kairos House. 6-wk group meets Mon, 7:30-9 pm. For gay men who have experienced multiple losses during the epidemic. Facilitated by Paul Shearer, LCSW. Info/reg: 861-0877.

Day Group for Caregivers spons by Kairos House: Wed, noon-1:30 pm. 8-wk group for professional & non-professional caregivers. Facilitated by Steve Galper, ACSW. Info/res:

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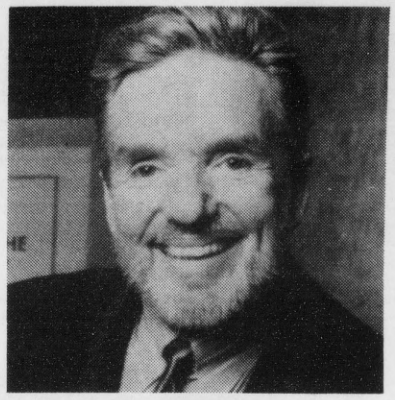

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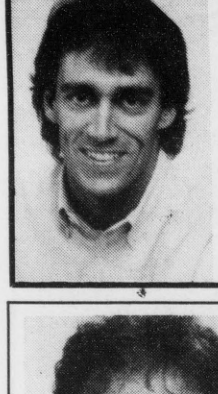

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AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: 834-8181.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay 834-8181.

Project Inform: for info on experimental drug treatment call the hotline: 558-9051 (local), (800) 334-7422 (statewide), (800) 822-7422 out of state. Office: 558-8669. Group publishes newsletter. Archives open to the public by appt.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: 887-0566.

HIV Positive Veterans: support group for vets in any stage of HIV infection. Monday eves, free. Vet's Ctr, nr 19th St BART, Oakland. Info: Mike Rankin 273-7331.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: David Hoefer, LCSW or Bettye Travis 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. Call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel for an appointment: 291-5454.

AIDS Legal Services for people with AIDS or ARC or who are HIV positive in Santa Clara County. Help preparing wills & power of attorney. Free or SL fee services. Spons by Santa Clara County Bar Assoc Law Foundation. Info: (408) 293-3135.

AIDS Mastery Workshops: empowering, healing, supportive, and loving weekends for those affected either physically or emotionally by HIV. For more information, call Scott Eaton at 648-6365.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, "buddies", spiritual gatherings, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Lori Lee 512-3400.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Drop-In Group on AIDS/HIV for Asian and Pacific Islander Men. Free. Find out about HIV testing, what puts you at risk, health monitoring, early intervention, HIV treatment; negotiating relationships and safer sex. Group & invidual consultations are available. Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Health Center #1, 3850 17th St btwn Sanchez & Noe, SF. Info: GAPA Community HIV Project 512-3400, Filipino Task Force on AIDS 512-3403, Japanese American AIDS Project 563-0533.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research (DAIR) maintains collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers & other sources on AIDS & related subjects from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 11 am-4 pm on Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.

The Healing Circle: safe, supportive space for anyone on a path of self-healing & love. Large group of about 100 meets Thurs eves, 8-10 pm at 60 Brady St, (one block up from Market/Gough), SF. Use sharing, singing, meditation, visualization, hugging & laughter to create a powerful experience of love & support. Info: Bill 864-6638.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission operates drop-in ctr/soup kitchen for people with AIDS or HIV or who are in high-risk groups. Also Twelve Step programs, emergency food, clothing & care. Info: 863-4882.

HIV Negative Support Groups: testing negative is great, but can present problems of its own. Some become so fearful that they give up all sex; others are others are overwhelmed by the pain of watching their friends & lovers die. Get support to deal with "survivor guilt" and others issues surrounding testing negative. Reply with name, address & phone number to Groups, c/o Pierre, PO Box 0884, SF CA 94143-0884. All replies are confidential.

Soul Ventures: a social/networking service supporting the Bay Area HIV/PWA community. Includes dating service & social events. For free brochure & other info call 543-2520.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV+ & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

Bisexual & Heterosexual Men's HIV Group meets Wed. Free. Spons by SF AIDS Foundation. Info: Christopher Alexander 864-5855, ext 2511.

Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP): a grassroots group centered in the lesbian & gay community. Presents art exhibits, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. For info on current activites contact CSAP, Box 42, 2370 Market St, SF 94114.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex (whether you're a beginner or have lots of experience), coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

HIV Positive Lesbians: support group spons by the Iris Project. Break thru isolation, learn new skills, get info, discover alternatives. Get assistance in maintaining sobriety. Call 864-2364 for intake appt/info. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

Women with HIV Concerns: free, confidential counseling available thru Iris Project. Call Nehoma 864-2364 for an appt/info.

Lesbians Living with HIV Concerns: Safe place to meet weekly for ongoing support. Drop-in. Facilitated by Susan B. Foster, MA. 5 pm. Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St #201, SF. Info: 565-7667.

African-American Men with AIDS/ARC/HIV: support group: emotional support, benefits counseling, education & info. Thurs at 5:30 pm. SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 864-5855.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

AIDS-Vision Loss Support Group: ongoing, wkly group open to anyone with AIDS-related sight loss. Focus of group is on how to cope with and adapt to lowered vision while living with HIV. Tues, 3-4:30 pm at Rose Resnick Ctr for the Blind & Visually Impaired, 1299 Bush St at Larkin, SF. Info: 441-1980.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Free Tax Assistance to Persons with AIDS & ARC, offered by SF AIDS Foundation. Trained volunteers from TAX AID program help you with your 1989 federal & state tax returns. To qualify an individual must have earned $16,000 or less, with no more than $2,000 for each family member. For info call 864-5855 and ask for the on-duty social worker.

Therapists Support Group for those whose major focus is AIDS/HIV. Spons by Jewish Family & Children's Services & Shanti Project. For information call Jody Reiss, LCSW at JFCS, 561-1241 or Gail Winston, MFCC at Shanti Project, 777-2273.

KS Support Group meets Sun 4-5:30 pm. Info: 864-0432.

Tai Chi Workout: One hour of slow, simple exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan movements. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Free to HIV+ people. Info: 255-0265.

Immune Disorders Educational Assoc (IDEA(provides info & monthly lectures on protocols for treatment/prevention of HIV & other immune disorders. Call 979-IDEA for info. 3739 Balboa St, #222, SF 94121.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Mon-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

Smith House detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 626-6763.

Orchid Women's Recovery Ctr: 12-bed, residential, peer-oriented, alcohol program for women, and women with children (ages 2-12). Services include women's issues, family & alumni groups, recovery & re-entry planning, alcohol-related education, follow-up-groups and more. 1342 E 27th St, SF. Info: 535-0611.

GROW (Gay & Recovering Our Worth), a program of Archway/San Mateo: provides drug & alcohol counseling to San Mateo's gay male community. Info: 341-0964.

Mills-Peninsula Hospital Chemical Dependency Ctr, largest drug & alcohol outpatient treatment ctr in the Bay Area, offers specialized lesbian & gay treatment services. 12-week, medically-supervised individual treatment program. Confidential. Two blocks from BART in Daly City. Info: 696-5544.

Acceptance Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.

Baker New Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.

Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative grassroots support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the "Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Dianic Witch Coven for lesbians in recovery. For time/location & other info, send large SASE to Sami, PO Box 191294, SF CA 94119.

Adult Children of Alcoholics ongoing & time-limited therapy groups at the Haight Ashbury Free Medical Clinic. SL, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info/intake appt: 552-7230

Alanon/ACA Mtg at Rest Stop for people dealing with AIDS/ARC or HIV+. See AIDS Resources or call 621-REST.

Lesbian Incest Survivors in Recovery from Drug Addiction Group—see Incest & Battery.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.

Self-Help Food Group for Women: More depth than Weight Watchers, more commitment than OA. Support to work your way on your food issues. Not a diet group, not an anti-diet group. Info: 282-2438, 826-9423.

Men's Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Wednesday. For info on OA meetings for gay/lesbians & others call OA Hotline: 821-4642.

Gay Male Drop-in Group for alcohol/substance abuse & HIV concerns, see AIDS Resources. Spons by Operation Concern/Operation Recovery.

Drop-in Group for gay men with substance abuse issues. Tues eves 7-9 pm. All gay men welcome. Info, support & referral regarding chemical dependency. Spons by Operation Concern. 1853 Market, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Fundamentalists Anonymous support group: explore the experience of having once been a fundamentalist Christian with others who've been there, too. Call 832-2334.

Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $30. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 558-2444, 558-2226.

Gay Men's Recovery Program incorporating education, intensive group work & socializing. Info: Operation Recovery 626-7000.

Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion: ongoing self-help groups meets Fri eves in SF. Occasional openings available, 12-wk commitment. Info: Jay 586-4822.

Men's Sexual Addiction 12-Step Group (SLAA) at the Parsonage. Focus on recovery and fellowship. Wed at 8 pm. Free. 555A Castro St, SF.

Lesbian Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous 12-Step meeting meets every Mon at 6:30 pm, Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Dolores St, SF. 1st door on left.

For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern Califonia collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. 2940 16th St, SF. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 42126, SF, 94142. Hrs: Wed 6-9 pm, Sat 2-5 pm, you must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research (DAIR) maintains a collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers, & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 11:30 am-4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

KPFA Apprentice Program accepting applications. KPFA/Pacifica Apprenticeship Program is an intensive affirmative action training program geared to bring women & people of color into Pacifica Radio. Program is free, you don't need to have prior experience, just commitment & discipline to finish the program & work with people of diverse backgrounds. Application Deadline for Fall Season: 8/19. Info: 848-6767 ext 220 or write KPFA Apprenticeship, 2207 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley CA 94704.

6th Annual Edith Lew Award: Bay Area Theatre Workers Association (BATWA) accepts applications for the $1500 award, given annually to a local theatre company. For guidelines & other info call 525-2597. Deadline 8/15.

BAPHR Foundation accepting grant applications. BAPHR is the fundraising arm of the Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights. Group considers grants for specific, clearly-identified projects affecting gay and/or lesbian health or wellness issues within the 9 counties of the SF Bay Area. The Foundation does not fund operating budgets, foundations, endowments or clinical research projects. 501(c)3 tax-exempt status or tax-exempt sponsor required. For applications forms or other info contact BAPHR Foundation, PO Box 15005, SF CA 94115 or call 558-9353. Deadline: 9/1.

New Dyke: Call for submissions. Venus Press seeks single-panel cartoons, strips & cartoon stories for "New Dyke," an anthology of cartoons by, for & about lesbians. Fantasy, soap opera, humor, sci fi, feminist satire/politics, explicit sex, stories about growing up, coming out, romance, aging, etc are welcome. Send SASE to Venus Press, 7100 Blvd East, Guttenberg, NJ 07093. Deadline: 12/1.

Women with Immune System Disorders, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Lupus, Endomentriosis, Chronic Fatigue, MS, Asthma, Allergies, Environmental Illness: Submissions sought for an anthology about women's experiences living & coping with these illnesses. Send submissions, typed if possible, or write for more information: Canaries in the Mine, 75 Hartford St, SF CA 94114. Send SASE. Submissions by women of color & lesbians are especially welcome. Deadline: 12/1.

7th Annual Film Arts Festival, to be held 10/20-11/3 at the Roxie Cinema in SF, seeks submissions of film & video. Independent films & videos of any length & genre, in 35mm, 16mm & Super-8 film or ¾" video (½' VHS tapes acceptable for preview) by Northern Calif artists are eligible. For more info/entry forms contact Robert Hawk, Festival Director, Film Arts Foundation, 346 9th St, SF, CA 94103. 552-0602.

If Our Ancestors Could See Us Now: An anthology of gay & lesbian Asian/American Writings, seeks submissions. Send to: J Chinn, "Anthology", 3676 17th St, SF CA 94114. Include SASE. Deadline: 9/1.

GAWK, a quarterly magazine of the arts, seeks submissions of art & writing relating to the experience of being gay, from all social/cultural/gender perspectives. Info: PO Box 31431 SF, CA 94131, 864-5434

Poets Under 35: submissions sought for an anthology of poetry by queer poets under 35. Send up to 7 poems with SASE to Anthology, 4254 18th St, SF 94114.

► FUN & GAMES

Victorian & Edwardian Pacific Heights Walk. Guided walking tour of the eastern Pacific Heights neighborhood. See surviving Victorian & pre-WWI era mansions, elaborate family homes, smaller row houses. 2-hr tour, routes change frequently. Guides stress various aspects of neighborhood. Sun, 12:30 pm. $3 gen'l, $1 srs & kids under 12. Spons by Heritage, the Foundation for SF's Architectural Heritage. Info: 441-3000.

Haas-Lilienthal House Tours: noon-3:15 pm Wed, 11 am-4:15 pm Sun. Docent-led tours. The House has stood on Franklin Street since 1886. $4 gen'l, $2 srs & kids 12 & under. Info: 441-3004.

Lesbian Games Group: monthly-ish chem-free games group meets for Pictionary, Perquacky, Outburst, Boggle & more. Info/location: 526-2924.

Making Waves: group meets for a nonstructured, private, large women's swim in the Eastbay. See Sports for details.

► HEALTH

PAP Tests at City Clinic: also diagnosis, treatment & counseling, for vaginitis conditions, enteric diseases. Screening & referral for AIDS. Bilingual (Spanish) staff available. Confidential, low cost services. 356 7th St, SF. Info: 864-8100.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: low-cost, nonprofit clinic. Offers special services for people with HIV, fertility program for women & men who are trying to conceive. Also offers Chinese & American herbal preparations. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 6-8 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 & over, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

Native American Health Ctr: 56 Julian Ave, SF; 3123 East 14th St, Oakland. Offers a range of physical and mental health care services to the community. SF Info: Administration, 621-8054; Dental, 621-8056; Medical/Perinatal, 621-8051; WIC, 621-7574. Eastbay Info: Administration, 261-0524; Dental 436-0455; Medical/Perinatal, 261-1962; WIC, 436-6837; Family & Child Guidance Clinic, 532-2933; Youth Empowerment, 261-8943.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

Looking for a Job? The Public Interest Employment Service publishes a twice monthly Public Interest Employment Report which lists paid jobs available in progressive nonprofit organizations. The Employment Service is coordinated by a lesbian, and includes info about jobs at a number of lesbian/gay/bisexual/AIDS/HIV-focused organizations. For more info on the Employment Service or to subscribe to the Report, call 565-4695. Services are free to employers.

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & lifestyles. 621-7300.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 864-7233.

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

The Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Call 841-6224.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: Larry Brinkin 558-4901.

Gay Legal Referral Services for all legal problems. ½ hour consultation, $20. Some low-fee & no-fee referrals available. Info: 621-3900.

Emergency Food Box Program provides 3-day supply of nutritionally balanced food to those in emergency situations. Info: 621-7575.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, proper procedures, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

ECHO Housing, a fair housing agency in Alameda, offers services to Alameda residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees (contact the Rental Assistance Program, 836-4826 in northern Alameda county, 581-9380 in southern Alameda county), homeseeking program (call 836-4826 countywide).

Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Dept. of Public Health. Hotline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

Telefaery: Events Line of the Radical Faeries—Call 626-3369 for upcoming events & other info.

Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available for events, conferences, wkshops, etc. Info: 564-2226.

SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors. SFWAR also does advocacy & educational work & holds house meetings where groups of women discuss concerns & fears, & ways to prevent rape. For info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

California Runaway Hotline provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support

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► HOBBIES

Women's Reading Group: small, informal group of women who meet bimonthly to discuss books by women authors. Info: Jill 221-8518.
Women's Reading Group for Women Over 40: Meet to read feminist novels, poetry, etc. SF location. Info: Alana 824-6169.
Eastbay Women's Reading Group: Small, informal group meets 3rd Wed of each month. Call 654-7435 for info/location.
Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.
Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay people interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: 352-0301.
Lesbian Cartoonists welcome female fellow twisted souls for support. Meets 1st & 3rd Sun of each month at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. 6 pm. Info: JD 835-8388, or Roxxie 733-2149.
Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.
Women's Sing-A-Long: monthly mtg, Sat night. Informal, fun, easy. Bring guitar, voice, friends. All women welcome. Info/directions Birch 841-6032.
Sacred Circle Dance for the lesbian/gay community & friends. Folk dancing with emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. Ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world taught. Beginners welcome! Every 2nd & 4th Wed of the month at SF Dance Theater, 60 Brady, at Market & Gough, SF. 8-10 pm. Info: Laura or Howard 359-0207.
Gay/Lesbian Chamber Music Circle—see Performance Arts.
Classical Music Lovers Group: Listen with others to your favorite CDs, tapes or records. Monthly or bi-weeklyh mtgs with occasional potlucks. Women & men welcome. Info/location: Ed 922-7108.
Aural Fixation: Gay/lesbian music lovers with diverse tastes welcome other passionately obsessed ears to this monthly group for deep listening. Meets 2nd Sun eve of each month. All musical orientations are welcome. Info: 282-9891 (leave message). Male members needed.
Beam-In: A Gay Trekkies Group: T'Pring & T'Pau of the Bay Quadrant request that you be dismissed from your current duties to attend a Vulc-In Kolinahr on the 4th Fri of each month at 7 pm. All Federation members welcome. Please attend, you won't be Borg! Info/location 647-3325.
1-1 Massage Group for in-shape 18-45 yr olds. Inexperienced, male or female, OK. Send SASE for info to George, PO Box 590790, SF CA 94159-0790.
Geneaology Discussion Group meets monthly, 2nd Wed eve at 7:30 pm. Location/info: Larry Burnett 647-0637.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Incest Survivor Groups: both mixed women's groups & those for lesbians in recovery from drugs or alcohol. Phase 1 & 2 groups. Iris Project, 264 Valencia, SF. Info: 864-2364.
Lesbian Incest Survivors in recovery from drug addiction. Group offered by Haight Ashbury Free Clinic Drug Detox Project. Call Holly Gold, MSW or Pam Kirby 565-1908. Free.
First-time group for lesbian survivors of incest & childhood molestation. Must be in individual therapy simultaneously. Mon 1:30-3 pm, SL fee. Info: Alesia Kunz at Operation Concern 626-7000.
Support Group for Adult Men Who Were Raped/Sexually Assaulted as Teenagers or Adults: Free, 10-wk facilitated groups offered by SF Rape Treatment Center. A safe, non-judgemental place to explore the effects of the abuse & continue the healing process. Led by Susan Wachab, LCSW, extensively-experienced facilitator of groups for male & female survivors of sexual abuse. Individual counseling also available. Info: 821-3222. SF residency not required.
Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.
Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.
Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.
Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have been in a battering relationship, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Info: Rene 863-3315 or Christina 346-0267.
Battered Lesbian Drop-In Group: spons by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.
Battered Lesbians Services offered by Marin Abused Women's Services. Call 924-6616 ask for Holly or Odilia.
Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.
La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.
Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.
For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Gay Fathers/SF Bay Area a support group for gay men of all ages dealing with issues of parenting. Monthly supper mtgs with discussion, plus social events & outings with kids. Info: 759-5122. Newcomers welcome!
Gay/Lesbian Parenting Group, a support group for lesbians and gay men who have children, or who wish to become parents. Newsletter, potluck socials, outings, discussion groups. Info: Malke 562-1574, or write LGPG, PO Box 410221, SF CA 94141.
Lesbian Mothers of Teenage & Adult Children group: call 626-7109 for info.
Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.
Parents Park Hop & Doo Wop: social group for mid-Peninsula-SF gay & lesbian parents of the 2 & under crowd. Monthly outings, babysitting exchange, musical adventures, treasure hunts, etc. Info: 598-9265.
Lesbian Parent Group meets Mon eves at 7 pm. All types of lesbian parents are welcome to join this small, informal group. For location & other info: 861-0545.
Lesbian Parent Group for lesbians whose children are of speaking/school age. Socialize, get support; exchange childcare, parenting ideas. Info: 861-9822.
Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 251-8766, events hotline (408) 293-4525.
Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.
Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research 935-6622.
Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to J Baer, Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.
NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883 or 827-4077.
Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.
East Bay Lesbian Parents support/social group. Call Toni 652-8183 for info.
Childbirth Education for lesbian families. Small group or individual classes available. Info: Suellen Sleamater, RN, MHS, Lyon-Martin Parenting Project childbirth educator. Info: 826-4489.
Parent Counseling: Free. Informal. Both large & small questions welcome. Instructor/counselor with 20 years experience in parent education & child development. Wed 7:30-9 pm. Castro Valencia Ctr. Info/appt: Jan Baer 239-3660 (days).
Perinatal Project for drug abusing pregnant women & mothers. Get help with crack & cocaine addiction. Women helping women stay sober; spons by the Women's Institute for Mental Health. For info call 864-2364 or drop in at orientation, Mon-Thurs at 3 pm. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.
The AIDS Family Project offers ongoing group for teenagers (14-19) who have HIV-infected family members. Info: Stacey Shuster, PhD at Operation Concern 626-7000.
Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Fri at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Thom Bean, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.
United Colors of Queer Nation: Direct action group for queers of color, focus group of Queer Nation. Composed of queer people of color united to bring our common issues to the foreground of discussion & increase our visibility within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action. For info on mtgs & actions call John 821-6108 or 985-7141.
Bisexual of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.
Interracial Relationship Social Mixers/Wkshops: hosted by BWMT/Bay Area. Monthly, 7-10 pm, $5 donation. Facilitated small group discussions, followed by social period. Anyone interested in exploring an interracial relationship is welcome. Info: 641-5706.
Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; 548-8283.
Black Lesbian Support Group for Black lesbians in multicultural relationships. Meets 1st Sun of each month. Oakland location/accessible. Info: 839-3302 or 653-5732.
Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 569-3522.
African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda 465-2573.
BAYBLAG (Bay Area Black Lesbians & Gays) meet to network, socialize, do political work, educate, have fun. Info: Midgett 648-3658.
Multicultural Lesbian Writers Group: call 995-2730 for details.
Gay & South Asian? You're not alone! Indian, Pakistani, Bangla Deshi, Sri Lankan, Nepali, Bhutani, Tibetan—men & women—this is our chance to find each other! Trikone, a support group for gay men & lesbians from the Indian subcontinent. Info: PO Box 21354, San Jose, CA 95151. (408) 270-8776.
Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.
Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.
AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.
Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.
Japanese Lesbian Group: Nihongo o Bokokugo to suru Lesbian no Group. Maitsuki Daini Nichiyobi Meeting Ari. Denwa (Yoru) 563-8253.
CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A social & community service organization for gay Latinos & friends. Info: 695-0644 or write PO Box 590276, SF 94159-0276.
Mujero, Bay Area Latina Lesbian Organization, holds gen'l mtgs the 3rd Sat of each month. All Latina lesbians are welcome. Info/location: 648-1291.
Chinese Lesbian Social Group: for info call 826-2455 or write 370 Turk St #36, SF 94103.
Chinese Gay Group meets for monthly potluck and/or varied activities. Also social group for singles. Info: 221-4944.
Asian Pacific Sisters: an organization of Asian Pacific lesbians & bisexual women. APS provides its members with an atmosphere where they can openly share their experience. APS includes women of various Asian heritage, including Japanese, Filipino, Chinese, Vietnamese & others; and sponsors picnics, potluck dinners, softball games & over events. For upcoming business/social events call 750-3385. All Asian/Pacific lesbian & bisexual women are welcome!
Vietnamese Lesbian & Gay Support Group: safe, supportive environment for lesbian & gay men to talk & share experiences in Vietnamese. Discussion topics include: coming out to Vietnamese family & friends, relationships, health & safe sex practices; racial, gender & sexual stereotypes. Addt'l topics chosen at mtgs. Confidentiality respected. Group meets every 3rd Sun in SF, 3-5 pm, every first Sun in San Jose, 3-5 pm. Info: Dung Nguyen (women) or Tony Nguyen (men) at 771-7256, 7-9 pm Mon-Fri or write: Vietnamese L/G Support Group, c/o Asian Pacific Alliance, PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884.
Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual & Korean? Monthly mtgs, discussions, potlucks & special activities offered. Mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm, in SF. Info: Lori 563-8689. Mtgs conducted in English, with some bilingual participants.
Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.
Black Men's Support Group open to Black men of all ages. Drop-in, at Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.
African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.
African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 548-WCRC or 548-9272 for more information.
Children of Alcoholics/Addicts Group for children of color, see Addiction Recovery.
Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.
Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1724 Sacramento St, #6, SF 94109.
Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 658-1868.
Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.
ALBWN & ALGBN: Arab Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Network and Arab Lesbian & Bisexual Women's Network. Offers support for women & men of Arab descent and Middle Eastern ancestry. Activities include monthly potluck dinners, discussion of topics of relevance to the lesbian, gay & bisexual Arab community. Three separate mtgs: a women's mtg (Arab Lesbian & Bisexual Women's Network), a men's mtg, and a mixed mtg where both men & women gather. For information write ALGBN or ALBWN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114.

► PERFORMANCE ARTS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: 848-5966.
Wry Crips/Disabled Women's Theater Arts. Created & managed by women who have physical, emotional, developmental; multiple & hidden disabilities/chronic illness. Submission of poetry, prose & stories about women living with disability/chronic illness, and those who love them, is accepted on an onging basis. Women of color of all ages are especially welcome. Performers, production people & care assistants or board members are welcome. Info/details: 601-5819, or write PO Box 21474, Oakl 94620.
Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP), a grassroots group centered in the gay & lesbian community. Presents art exhibitions, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. See AIDS Resources for details.
Community Women's Orchestra: amateur orchestra for women, spons by the Bay Area Women's Philharmonic. Wkly Tues night rehearsals. Orchestra

gives 3 concerts each season in Dec, March & May. No audition required, but all musicians must have prior experience playing in an orchestra or other ensemble. String players are always welcome, wind players may join if there's an opening in their section. Conducted by Nan Washburn, artistic director & associate conductor of BAWP. Info: 543-2297.

Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts: "multidiscipinary force for artistic freedom, cultural democracy, and community outreach". Presents music, dance & musical theatre performances, and educational programs. Current groups include City Swing, SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band, SF Flag Corps, SF Tap Troupe, Outlook Video, and The Guild. 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. JSC is especially interested in making programs accessible to ethnic minorities and people of color. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.

VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. Music-reading ability a plus, but not required. Rehearsals Tues eves in SF. Women of color especially encouraged to audition. Info: 773-9181.

Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: Pat Parr 621-3088.

The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 681-8008. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.

Gay/Lesbian Chamber Music Circle: Meets monthly for dinner, informal performances by group members. Amateur musicians, all levels, welcome. Info: Michael 525-6723, Bob 863-8268.

STBS, a nonprofit tix agency operated by Performing Arts Services, sells full-price tix in adv & half-price tix day of show. Proceeds benefit Bay Area performing arts. Booth at Union Square, 251 Stockton (btwn Post & Geary) and at One Embarcadero Ctr (street level), SF. Info: 433-STBS.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.

Lesbian Visual Artists: A promotional & networking organization for lesbian visual artists. Group follows an activist agenda, promoting visibility. Holds salons, spons shows & conference, newsletter, etc. For info call 821-2975 or write LVA, 3543 18th St #5, SF 94110.

Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; 655-7404.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit providing legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

► POLITICAL

Queer Nation: Direct action group of queers fighting for our queer rights *now*. Open to all sexual orientations & gender identities. Meets Wed, 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Guerrero, SF. For info on mtgs, emergency activations & future actions call 985-7141.

LABIA (Lesbians & Biwomyn in Action)—focus group of Queer Nation. Lesbian & biwomyn interested in raising consciousness & visibility of lesbian & bisexual issues within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action & education. Multicultural group. Info: 985-7141.

United Colors of Queer Nation: direct action group for queers of color, a focus group of Queer Nation. See People of Color listings for more info.

Queer Nation East Bay works to promote lesbian, gay & bisexual visibility and acceptance throughout the East Bay. For mtg time/location & for upcoming actions, call 464-3072.

The Int'l Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission works to focus world opinion on the oppression of gays & lesbians throughout the world. Currently organizing symposium on gay & lesbian issues to be held in Moscow & Leningrad, 7/91, and other projects. Info: IGLHRC, 2978 Folsom St, SF CA 94110 or call 647-0453.

Feminist Alliance for Peace/East Bay. New women's group making the connections btwn US violence abroad & violence against women at home. Primary focus on direct legal action against violence against women in the media. Info: 644-0480.

Feminists for Animal Rights welcomes women in working to end all forms of exploitation against animals. For info re newsletter, meetings, events, t-shirt, etc, call 647-7019.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians & gay men, fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call 863-9697 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 347 Dolores St, #312, SF 94110. Gen'l membership mtgs are usually held the 3rd Sun of each month, 7 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 2nd floor.

BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Radical Multicultural Feminist Bisexual Network: political action/discussion group. WA, SIGN available. Info: Pata 567-6883.

Bisexual Feminist Men's Group: Bi men addressing feminism in their lives thru political action/discussion/theater. Paul 731-7648.

Lesbian Agenda for Action: (LAFA) political & social action nonprofit membership organization committed to promoting lesbian visibility. Info: 552-5677.

Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or Ann 665-6746 for info/location.

War Tax Resistors Support Gathering: 2nd Sun of each month. Keep your money from funding oppression & destruction. Call 843-9877 for info. Eastbay & SF locations.

Berkeley Women in Black: We mourn Middle East violence & the Israeli occupation. We want negotiations now for a just & lasting peace. Join us: Vigil every Fri, noon-1 pm, at Telegraph & Haste, in front of Cody's Books. Info: Ruth 644-0480. All women welcome.

Veterans CARE (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.

Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group: A national political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals and gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.

Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.

GAYLESTA, organization of gay, lesbian & bisxual psychotherapists. Professional networking, internal & external education, and social events. Info: Don 339-8077.

Therapists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns holds Bay Area lesbian women psychotherapists' potluck on the first Sat of each month, 11-1 pm. Also professional networking, member presentations, socializing. Info: Maris Smith (408) 629-6890.

Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: 861-8718.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.

Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: PO Box 528, SF 94101 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.

UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.

Stanford Lesbian & Gay Alumni: group for Bay Area Stanford alumni. Theater, outings, parties & other activities. Come join us! For info write SLAG, PO Box 460632, SF 94146-0632 call Dick 648-5836.

Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 753-0687.

Bi-Friendly UC: support group followed by social. Meets Wed eves, UC Berkeley campus. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info/location: Betsy 845-7441.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets 7:30 pm 1st & 3rd Mon of each month, upstairs at the Bison Brewing Co, 2598 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley, for food, drink & conversation. Bisexuals & all bi-friendly people are welcome. Info: Susan 524-0574.

Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets Mon 7:30 pm. Info/location: Steve (415) 968-5902, Liz 857-1044.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info call 656-1383.

Dog Lovers Group for folks interested in walking our dogs together, pooch picnics, dog play sessions, or other fun activities with our pets. Eastbay location. Small dogs welcome. Info: 486-0615.

Lesbian Social/Movie Get-Together: monthly event. Casual social & movie-watching. Single, monogamous, coupled, confused, unidentified or whatever—if you're a lesbian 30 or over, you're welcome! Bring goodies to share. For info/location: 531-3943.

Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. Call 644-3302 or 841-6032 for info/location.

Alameda Neighborhood Lesbians Group: meet other women who live in Alameda, for movies, biking, walks, get-togethers, etc. Come find out who your neighbors are! Info: 865-7811.

Lake Merritt Neighborhood Potluck for lesbians & gays living in the Lake Merritt, Oakland area. Monthly get-togethers, come meet your neighbors! Info: 832-6510.

Eastbay Lesbian Couples Social Group: Meet new couples for potlucks, movies, games, walks, or other mutual interests. Info: 486-0615 or 655-8542.

Couples of SF Bay Area Group provides social, educational & humanitarian forum for gay couples & lesbian couples. For more info/events calendar, call 929-8402 or 626-6561.

Lesbian Lunch Brunch: A clean & sober, nonsmoking social club for single lesbians working in the financial district. Wkly luncheons to connect with other women in recovery. Info: 252-0657.

Latin American Lesbian Social Group meets monthly in Eastbay, see People of Color.

CASA (Community Alternative Social Assoc) for gay Latinos & friends, see People of Color.

Chinese lesbian group meets for outing, potlucks, etc, see People of Color.

Chinese gay group meets for potlucks & other varied activities, see People of Color.

Zebra Brigade Social Group for Black & white lesbian couples meets 3rd Sat of each month, alternating btwn SF & Eastbay locations. Call Anita or Lorrie 641-5980, or Naomi 569-3522.

Soul Ventures social group for the Bay Area HIV + /PWA community, see AIDS Resources for details.

Gay/Lesbian Christians Social Group, see Spirituality.

Deutsche Freundschaftkreis hat seine naechste Potluckparty am dritten Freitag dieses Monats. Alle die, die Deutsch sprechen oder einfach Interesse haben sind herzlich Willkommen. Fuer weitere Auskuenfte bitte Don unter 329-1438 anrufen.

Jewish Lesbian Social/Cultural Group meets in SF, call Laura 864-1635 for info.

Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.

Now We've Got The Time: social group for gay men with HIV, see AIDS Resources for info.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.

Beit Shekhinah Congregation: inspired by the feminine principle & Jewish sacred art. Creative, egalitarian Judaism. Meets in the Eastbay at Hillside Church, El Cerrito. For info: Rabbi Leah Novick 451-6437.

Jewish Lesbians & Bisexuals & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, SF & EB locations. Join us for song, food & Jewish culture—no experience necessary! Jewish women of color and Sephardic women especially welcome. Info: 647-7209.

Feminist Women's Circle meets in SF monthly at the full & new moons to explore the many facets of the Goddess. Also networking & classes. Info: Lupa 751-8918.

Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, 420-1454, for info on current & upcoming events.

Crossroads: Wkly women's ritual & drumming circle with pagan/political focus. Artwork, trance, journeys, singing, music, etc. Previous magical experience preferred. Wed eve mtgs at the Crossroads in Berkeley. Info: 763-5999.

St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 8:30 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.

Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.

St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.

Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry: Voice & Vision—ministry of advocacy, affirmation & spiritual care. Programs include individual & couples counseling, holy unions, support groups, a ritual group for lesbians, workshops & more. Info: Jeff, Ruth or Phyllis at 553-4026.

Creating Our Sacred Space: monthly spirituality gathering for lesbians exploring feminist spiritual perspectives which honor women's bodies & experiences. Spons by Voice & Vision: Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry. Info: Phyllis or Ruth 553-4026.

Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednes-days, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.

American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: 465-8652.

Dolores Street Baptist Church (Southern Baptist) worship service at 11 am. Everyone welcome to a congregation where gay/lesbian and non-gay people worship openly together. Accep-

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tance gay support group meets Tues, every two weeks. 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Info: 861-1434.

Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.

Dignity/SF: Gay & Lesbian Catholics, friends & families celebrate the Eucharist. Dignity's here for good! Dolores St Baptist Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Sun 5:30 pm. Info: 255-9244.

Dignity/East Bay: a faith community of lesbian & gay Catholics, our families & friends. For times & locations call 995-2535. Also raps, social events.

Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship with us. Church has a coordinator for lesbian & gay concerns, and is active in peace and justice, environmental, community action and global concerns; and AIDS ministries. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, 339-1131.

Lutherans Concerned/SF: for lesbian & gay Lutherans, their friends & families. Meets 1st Sun of each month, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. 5:30 pm. All welcome. Info: 956-2069.

Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.

Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.

New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. SIGN. WA. Info: 843-9355.

MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. AIDS Chaplaincy Team available. Pastor: Rev Jodi G. Safier. Info: 481-9720.

Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: 827-2960.

MCC of the Redwoods in Marin. 6 pm Sun worship service. Rev Coni Staff, pastor. 110 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur, CA 94939. Info: 927-2018.

MCC Santa Rosa meets 11 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor JI Torres. Info: 526-HOPE.

Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.

Evangelicals Concerned-SF: Local chapter of a national organization. EC-SF is a Bible/Christ-centered ecumenical (non-denominational) fellowship & prayer support group for lesbians, gays & non-gay Christians. Group believes that sexual orientation is a gift from God, and seeks to support gay & lesbian persons in the integration of their sexuality & their spirituality. Group spons bible study, healing prayer group, annual retreat & monthly social activities. For info write: EC-SF, PO Box 14052, SF 94114-0052.

Charistmatic Fellowship: support group for gay/lesbian charismatics/pentecostals in SF. Bible Study Thurs 7:30 pm, Sun 6:30 pm. For those tired of "straight" churches that reject because of sexual orientation & "gay" churches that deny the power & gifts of the Holy Spirit. Info: Rev Michael Arbuckle 921-3207.

Showers of Blessing Full Gospel Cathedral: A pentecostal church for gays & lesbians. 2 pm Sun mtgs. For info/location: Bishop Tony R. White 771-5872.

Hosanna Church of Praise, a Christian church w/a special ministry to the gay & lesbian community. Emphasis on healing ministry, gifts of the Holy Spirit. Support of gay/lesbian causes. 10 am. First United Methodist Church Chapel, 24 N 5th St, downtown San Jose. Info: Rev. F. Randall Hill, (408)293-2437.

Prince of Peace Community Church of San Jose meets 10:30 am at DeFrank Community Ctr, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Emphasis on love, caring & concern for gay/lesbians. Rev Bob Wheatley, pastor; Rev Barbara Martzall, assistant pastor. Info: (408) 298-3548.

Hartford Street Zen Ctr, Zen Buddhist Meditation group in the Castro. Zazen daily, 6 am & 6 pm, Mon-Fri. Lecture 10 am Sundays. 57 Hartford St. Info: 863-2507.

Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.

Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends celebrate & join in wkly fellowship, 5:30 pm Sun at St John's Church, 1661 15th St, SF. Integrity is an inclusive community involved with & in the Episcopal Church, with an outreach to the community thru an active AIDS ministry & special programs oriented toward the spiritual growth of gay/lesbian Christians. Info: 553-5270.

Women-in-Integrity: Women's focus Eucharist with potluck supper & socializing following service. Join us for fellowship, singing & a meal. Third Sun of each month at 5:30 pm, St John's Church. 1661 15th St, SF. Integrity is a lesbian & gay affirming community of Episcopalians & friends. Info: 553-5270.

The Parsonage: is an Episcopal ministry called to advocate justice for lesbian/gay people, and to witness to the Godliness of gay/lesbian love. Central location at 555A Castro St. Mtg space available for rent to 12-Step groups, AIDS support groups, advocacy groups & others. Info: 552-2909.

Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 7 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.

Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men , bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.

Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St, SF. Mass: 5 pm Sat, 7 & 10 am Sun, wkdays at 8 am. Info: 863-6259.

GALOC (Gay & Lesbian Outreach Committee) of Most Holy Redeemer Church welcomes lesbians & gay men to MHR parish. Come join us! For info: 863-6259.

Avatar Meher Baba: gay & lesbian followers present meetings, discussion groups, social events. Info: Larry 441-7008.

Peace United Church of Christ: friendly, inclusive, liberal Protestant church. Creative, shared leadership. Open to all. Sun 7 pm, 777 Oakland Ave, Oakl. Info: 486-0625. Also discussion, movie & service groups.

The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.

World Peace/Inner Peace: Intro talks on the transcendental meditation program. Wed 8 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 231. Free. Also group meditations for practitioners, Wed at 5:30 pm.

Tayu Center, a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern spiritual adept. Study grou meets every Wed eve at 8 pm, at Hartford Street Zen Center, 57 Hartford St, SF. Includes relational (2-person) meditation, reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.

Emerge!, healing journal of Emergence, Int'l, an organization of Christian Scientists supporting lesbians & gay men. For subs/info: PO Box 581, Kentfield, CA 94914 or call 485-1881.

Spiritual Arts Church of Religious Science: Sun, 5 pm at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St, SF. CC available during services. Office Hrs: Tues & Thurs, 10 am-5 pm at Notre Dame Plaza, 347 Dolores St, SF. Info: 255-8460.

California Miracles Ctr: Well-established course in Miracles ministry in the Upper Market/Castro neighborhood. Sun morning service at 11 am. Principles of Healing Study Group meets every Sun morning at 9:30 am. Classes in ACIM meet at various times throughout the week, with two outreach classes now meeting in Oakland. 2269 Market St, SF. Info: 621-2556.

Gay Clergy Support Group: For gay religious & clergy in the Bay Area. Info: Brother Jonathan 584-1034 8-10 am, or pm.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Loss, Grief & Recovery support group for individuals grieving a death. Learn about normal grief, coping with feelings, caring for yourself, giving & receiving support, rearranging your life, exploring future options. Spons by Hospice by the Bay. Free. 1550 Sutter St (nr Octavia), SF. Info: 673-2020.

Losing A Best Friend: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Mon of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.

UC Berkeley Bi Rap Group for bi women, men & friends. Support & social group. Info: Mark 644-8078.

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Men's Support Group: discussion of bisexual men's issues. Not a therapy group. Meets every other Sun 7:30-9:30 pm. Info/location: 626-3910.

Bisexual Women's & Men's Support Group: Drop-in on Sun at 7 pm. Pacific Ctr, Berk. Info: 841-6224.

Marin Bisexual Women's Support Group: meets 2nd & 4th Thurs in San Anselmo. Info: Cindy 456-4192.

Side by Side provides peer support groups for bisexual men & women. Safe, confidential, friendly. 7-7:30 pm social, followed by mtg until 9:30, then short social time. Group discusses any issues brought forth by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome. Sonoma County: Every Thurs night, call Dena (707) 523-2036 or Colin (707) 823-2990. Mendocino County: 2nd Fri of each month in Ukiah, call Colin (707) 823-2990.

Fundamentalists Anonymous mtg: see Addiction Recovery.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.

Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: 849-4112 or write ETVC, PO Box 6486, SF CA 94101. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!

Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 1827 Haight St #164, SF 94117.

Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.

Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

Woman to Woman SM: Join the Outcasts, an educational, support & social group for lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women interested in SM with other women. Info/membership: write POB 31266, SF CA 94131-0266.

Lesbians Supporting Lesbian S/M in Sonoma County meets 1st Sun of each month. Call M (707) 525-9811 for more info.

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Society of Janus: educational, support & social club for those interested in consensual, safe, non-exploitative s/m. Open to women & men; straight, bisexual, lesbian & gay. Info: send SASE to Society of Janus, Dept CU, PO Box 6794, SF CA 94101 or call 848-0452.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

Lesbian EI Support Group: East Bay Environmental Illness support group. Info: MJ 536-7251, Mickey 843-2649, Maja 548-1549.

Lesbian feminist artist support group for lesbians with chronic illness. Meets once or twice a month in SF/Eastbay for discussion, critique, inspiration & support for doing our art despite the limits of our illness. Access to womyn with EI a priority. Both chairs & bed available at mtg. 20 stairs to mtg place. No SIGN/ASL interpreter. Info: Naja 548-1549 or Mickey 843-2649.

Working Class Dykes Writing Group: meets every other week. Write, read together, give support. You don't have to be published to join. Info: 569-5177, leave message.

UC Berkeley Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc: see Social Groups

Stanford Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc: see Social Groups.

Christian Women's Support Group, see Spirituality.

Gay Clergy Support Group, see Spirituality.

Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.

Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).

Lesbians Getting Older Support/Discussion Group: Leaderless group for lesbians soon to be entering or already in their fifties. Wkly informal, Eastbay mtgs of feminist, progressive women. Call 658-2996 for info.

Life Direction/Career Change support group for lesbians. Finding meaningful, fulfilling work is a lot easier with the ideas and encouragement of others. Call Loretta 763-0204 for info.

MidLife Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm in SF. Low-cost, SL fee. Spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Info: 431-6405.

Small, Etc, a club for men who are ashamed of their size, and other gay men who are "normal", but understanding. Group offers support, connection with others. For newsletter & other info send SASE to Small, Etc, PO Box 294, Bayside NY 11361.

The Caring Coterie: a group for men having environmental sensitivities. Share resources, remedies, & support in a "safe" and accessible Oakland space. Info: Ray 763-0235.

Visualization/Problem Solving Support Group: pool psychic resources to support one another & create change. Info: Margo Adair 861-6838.

Men's Support Group for Foreskin Restoration: meets at 4 pm every 1st Sun of the month. No fees or dues. BUFF and NOCIRC information available. Call Wayne 827-4077 for details.

Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.

For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, **"incest/battery therapy" and "discussion/consultation groups"**.

► YOUTH

Gay Area Youth Switchboard: Call 386-GAYS.

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation Ctr): for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth. Dances, outings, newsletter, etc. Meetings held 2nd Sun of the month at 1853 Market St nr Guerrero, SF. Come meet other youth, have fun! Info: John W 626-7000.

"Jackson Street," meets weekly, Thurs from 4-5:30 pm. Are you lesbian, gay or bisexual, under 22? Looking for a group that's rap & therapy too? Want to talk about how to survive & deal with issues like coming out, sexual identity, survival, relationships, anxiety about AIDS & other health issues?—if you answered yes to one or all of the above questions, this group's for you! Come find support & help. Group facilitated by Ruth Hughes & Dave Johnson of Ctr for Special Problems. 1700 Jackson St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Franklin St), SF. Co-spons by CSP Minority Youth Program. Info: Ruth Hughes, 558-4801.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.

California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.

Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-21. Thurs eves at 7 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-1115.

Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment (LYFE) Program: Peer education, support groups and clean & sober alternative activities for lesbian, gay, bisexual and questioning youth and young adults under 23 years old. Also parent education & referrals, community involvement. Info: Donna 565-7681.

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Lesbian-only groups available. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.

Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.

Lesbian Therapy Group to explore and heal issues of co-dependency, intimacy, anger and self-sacrifice. Wed 6-7:30 pm, SL fee. At Pacific Center, Berkeley. For info contact Kris or Claudia, 548-8283.

Grief Group for those who have lost a loved one thru suicide. Deal with feelings of anger, confusion, guilt. Find strength, support. Meets wkly for 8 wks, lic therapist facilitates. Spons by SF Suicide Prevention. Info: 752-4866.

Grief & Creativity: 10-wk group for women wishing to explore unresolved grief issues. Spons by Children's Hospital of SF & Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center. For more info call Martha Russell, LCSW, 750-6160; or Diane Spaugh, MSW, 923-3515.

McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.

Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: 548-2570.

Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans in SF at SF Native American Health Clinic, 56 Julian Ave, SF. All-Indian staff, no problem is too large or too small. Info/appt: Dr Lisa Quinn 532-2933.

Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.

For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling"**, **"relationship"**, **"recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

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Support Groups Currently Taking Place: Call for dates and times: **(Note New Groups)** Lesbians with Cancer *(meets in San Francisco);* Lesbian Partners/Friends of Lesbians with Cancer; Drop-in for Women with Cancer; African American Women with Cancer; Daytime Drop-in for Women with Cancer; Friends and Family of People with Cancer; Post-Treatment Support.

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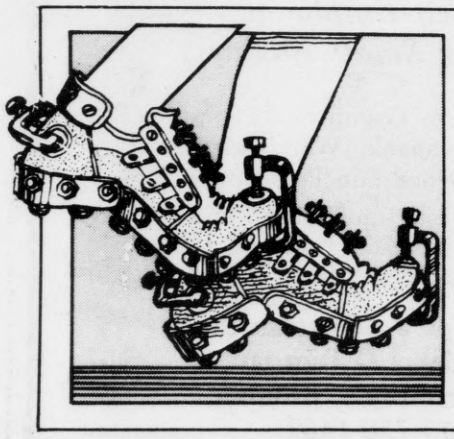

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BY DON BAIRD

Doris Fish

So, it's deadline time once again and I'm suddenly reminded of something Doris Fish wrote in one of her columns in *The Sentinel*, the gay weekly newspaper whose office space displayed an American flag during the war and probably still does. This was written well before the war, directly after she played stage hostess at the Castro Street Fair:

"Sitting here at my typewriter, I sometimes feel isolated, so Sunday's outing was a lovely vindication of some of my more touchy subjects and a welcome encouragement to just keep pushing the keys. Every once in a while I'll write something I know is good or even important, but then there's a few that are pushed out to meet the deadline."

This column is the latter of the two types Doris mentioned. I'm pushing it out, and to be blunt and Madonna-like, Doris no longer has the convenience of pushing keys, meeting deadlines or even putting on flawless make-up. She died. A memorial service was held, where friends shared their fondest Doris stories, producing such vivid memories of magic, humor, make-up and soul that it would take volumes to document them all. It's likely someone will someday, but like I said, I'm just pushing this one out for deadline, and it's quite an effort for many reasons.

The first and foremost is I'm so goddamned motherfucking sick of being challenged by grief at a rate that I'm far too young to be dealing with. We're not supposed to be facing the loss of dozens of loved ones during our second and third decades of life. Did our parents ever face death this way? I think not; in fact, they faced it so much less, it usually took the death of a family pet to provide the opportunity for them to explain the concept of death to us children. You know, doggies go to doggie heaven, kittens go to kitty heaven, etc. Now I'm old enough to know or believe that my friends who have died of AIDS aren't going to some special heaven, they're just gone, and it sucks.

Forgive my generalization, for many of our parents *have* faced death through war times, the ravages of incurable illnesses, and the unforgettable memories of such atrocities as the Holocaust, but this AIDS crisis feels different, with characteristics that are unprecedented. World leaders have displayed a criminal negligence, watching the death toll rise to over 100,000 and never directly addressing the issue because the communities being ravaged were us, undesirable degenerate homosexuals, and our friends the junkies, corrosives to the very moral fiber of this fine nation, always putting gerbils up our butts, anally raping and recruiting their children and leaving our dirty infected needles in playgrounds.

Just because we couldn't possibly be good soldiers, I can't have blood work like a T-cell count done without my health insurance being cancelled. Just because gay presence is a threat to masculinity, the family unit and national security (read the paper, see a movie), this faux apple pie-eating, "patriotism-is-easier-than-thinking" nation would rather have a smarter bomb around for the next sugar/testosterone rush of military butt-kicking than a cure for God's punishment on sinners. Sinners and hemophiliacs.

Just because of it all, and we all know the whole slimy story, when we can't invent another single way to try to deal with another death or another rapid decline in health, and we're reminded of our own mortality daily and our own fears of death scream into view while trying to be strong, because of all of that, I burst into tears with no warning on a bus and wonder what the hell inside of me could overtake my composure with the force of demonic possession. Duh. I think I figured it out, and things aren't gonna change too soon, or not until AIDS is finally seen as a threat to the population at large, and it *is* already. The numbers are moving upward, and if that's what it takes, let the games begin.

Connie Champagne

Anger is one of the most frightening aspects of grief. I look at what I just wrote and think, "Gee, Don, you just suggested that it's time a big bunch of heterosexuals die of AIDS soon. Is that nice? Is that okay?" I try not to wish death on anyone except bashers, Jesse Helms, and our former President, and then I modify the fantasy to slow, imaginative torture. Why did I just wish that a huge chunk of people would die? Why the fuck ask? And for those of you who can handle grief with a more quiet, placid, spiritual dignity, keep your healing crystals and judgments and oversimplified spiritual transformation concept out of my face. There is no doggie heaven, and I know that, for myself, anger has been the most tangibly motivational emotion I've encountered in facing AIDS deaths. It forces me to do what I can to keep some small part of someone I miss alive in a nation that did next to nothing from the get-go to save them. That's why I'm pushing this one out to meet the deadline—it's a lot of work trying to keep the memory of so many talented, loving people alive.

CONNIE CHAMPAGNE

Local chanteuse Connie Champagne not only keeps a bit of Doris alive every time she applies make-up, but is also enjoying the release of her full-length debut CD, *La Strada*, on Heyday records. This recording made use of a new technologically advanced process called Virtual Audio. Developed by Michael Jackson's sound engineer Christopher Currell, this new 3-D system will make the musicians seem like they're in the same room with you if you are wearing headphones, and on speakers is supposed to create an unprecedented depth of sound. *La Strada* is the first 24-track Virtual Audio recording ever, and on my speakers at home it may not sound like the musicians are in the room, but it's certainly bitchin' when Connie very softly whispers, "You've got to climb Mt. Everest to reach the valley of the dolls," and her voice oscillates between the two speakers, ending with a slight giggle.

That is the intro to the song "Frenchette," a David Johansen original that has long been an integral part of Connie's "post-atomic cabaret" lounge set, and like many of the selections on this disc, it's absolutely great to, at long last, have a collection of Connie's songs to listen to outside of the smoky haze of a trendy SOMA nightspot.

The recording quality actually conjures up that very atmosphere, taking me right back to the last time I saw Connie perform. It was at Klubstitute, and she introduced the same song telling us that Scrumbley Koldewynn taught it to her and "fucked Buster Poindexter long before he was Buster."

Connie's avowed affection for drag and the obvious influence it has on her performances is one of many queer or cross-genderal points of identification she makes in the live situation. From pulling her wig off at the end of the set to dedicating songs to the Man/Boy Love Association or outing Buster, Connie's not a performer to turn her back on the community that taught her so much important show-biz stuff. At Pink Saturday she led a sing-along to "the first ever rock and roll song about cross-dressing," and burst into The Kinks' "Lola."

I'm pleased to see that on this disc she covers the Iggy Pop/David Bowie original "Shades" without changing the gender in the lyrics, a point she really had to fight for during the recording, just to sing the lines "I'm not the kind of guy who dresses like a king," and "You can be my girlfriend forever and a day," the way they were written. Coincidentally, the last time Iggy played this area he pulled Connie onstage and gave her the best kiss of her entire life.

Other gems on the disc include a fine version of "All Tomorrow's Parties," with an arrangement landing somewhere between rock and Broadway musical and vocals like a cross between Nico and Lauren Bacall in *Applause*. "Don't I Have The Right?," penned by John Flansburgh of They Might Be Giants is one of the sweetest, most humorous songs about love gone wrong I've ever heard. The line, "You sure weren't perfect/ just perfect for me/ but you left me/ now I'm destroyed," pretty much says it all, and Connie's delivery is so bittersweet, like a laugh and a cry simultaneously as the light melody is carried by the haunting lilt of an accordian. This is my favorite cut.

"All Dressed Up" is a surprisingly old-fashioned torch number written by bass player Steven Strauss, delivered with enough smoky lounge-laziness to sound like a song that's been kicking around for decades, like "Drinking Again," one of my favorites from her live set also included here in fine form. Speaking of oldies, "Boulevard of Broken Dreams," one of the first songs Connie ever performed with clarinetist extraordinaire Beth Custer, is another happy inclusion, letting Beth's virtuosity roam to the fore while Connie's voice shows the cumulative power of repeated performance. She wails.

Among the 15 selections on the CD are several

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songs written by Connie with partner Jeffrey Trott of World Party/Wire Train, a few by band members Steven Strauss and Steven Kirk, and one by Mark Eitzel of American Music Club, a songwriter of fiercely alarming strength who seems almost ignored here in his hometown while his solo acoustic and A.M.C. gigs in England have earned him much more notoriety and acclaim. For years now I've been reading reviews in *Melody Maker* that have him pegged as the most intense and brilliant songwriter going today, seriously. That must be strange, but the reviews have reflected that opinion consistently on the other side of the Atlantic. His contribution here, "What Do I Do?," was written especially for Connie to sing, and if it's not due cause to prick up your ears when Mark Eitzel is mentioned, I don't know what is. Maybe this is my favorite cut, too.

Stylistically, *La Strada* bounces all over, from folk to torch to rock to jazz to pop to theater, literally. Versatility is hardly the word for it when it comes to Connie's voice. She walks into a song like it was her own living room and sings it from there. It's kind of like that scene in the movie *Rock and Roll Confidential* when Julie London sings "Cry Me A River" and as she goes from room to room, her outfit changes to match the wallpaper and color schemes of the rooms. Connie does "Cry Me A River" in her live sets, and that's how she introduced it one night. I keep coming back to vivid memories of her past performances when I listen to this record, so I figure, hey, Connie's job is done. This is the next best thing to being there, and it's not just that Virtual Audio, 3-D stuff—it's Connie. She takes you on a room-to-room tour of the palace where her voice lives. *La Strada* is a tough record to categorize; it's hard to place which market will find its appeal and I consider that a huge strength. Buy it. Connie kicks butt on Julee Cruise.

ANGEL CORPUS CHRISTIE

Speaking of hard-to-categorize female recording artists, I saw Angel Corpus Christie the other night at the CW Saloon, and it was quite a fun set, causing many people in the audience to wonder aloud to their friends, "But, what *is* this? What do you call it?" Good question.

Angel has been writing and performing songs for awhile and has a few records out that are somewhat more well-received in Europe than on these shores. She sings and plays the accordian, her husband Rich Stim plays guitar, Nancy Kravitz plays bass and a machine plays drums. Based on a demo tape and promo package sent to B.G.P., they've recently landed spots on the smaller alternative stage at both A Gathering of The Tribes and The Lollapalooza shows at Shoreline, and I hear they'll be recording a 7-inch single soon.

Onstage Angel has a relaxed, charming demeanor, singing soft and eloquently her clever lyrical forays into sexual politics, crying when John Cassavetes died, growing older, anger, innocence, Trans-ams, and other understated artsy cynicism and irony that you might associate with performance art.

In fact, that's how I'll categorize ACC if I must: musical performance art that you don't need to discuss the finer points of over cappuccinos afterward. Yeah, that's a good one, or maybe demented surf-chamber music. They sound like a carnival and we all know how scary/fun that can be.

Angel looks like a carnival, wearing black stockings, fishnets and garters and a fancy black ice skating petticoat, playing an accordian with the stance and motion of a guitar player, her face bright and smiling. The guitarist did some very nice and properly understated guitar work and they worked through some great covers of "Jet Boy/Jet Girl" and "Sweet Child O' Mine," a Guns 'n' Roses' fave rendered slow and sweet. It was a swell half hour of something different and I appreciated the subdued quality of it.

JAPANESE INVASION

A couple of drag Missionaries who've, long ago, taken their outfits to Japan for extensive outreach have just returned to town for a few shows, and what I saw was incomparable. Miss Kitty singing "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star," with the purely demented and odd guitar and keyboard accompaniment was truly a moment at the Klubstitute. As was her folky "Let's Be Friends With The Breeders," (see lyrics in *Welcome to Me*) a sort of '90s version of "God Bless The Nelly Queens." I'd love to see a duet with Jose Sarria someday. Kitty is a goddess. And Patsy Cline is The Queen of country/western once again. She put on one of the finest vocal performances of her life a few Fridays ago, and praise the lord if she didn't have a few new frocks to wear also. It was vintage Patsy all the way, and she's been risen from the dead for what, 10 years now? I think so. It's a pleasure having such fine lady luminaries in town for a visit. They're our only hope for this planet, you know.

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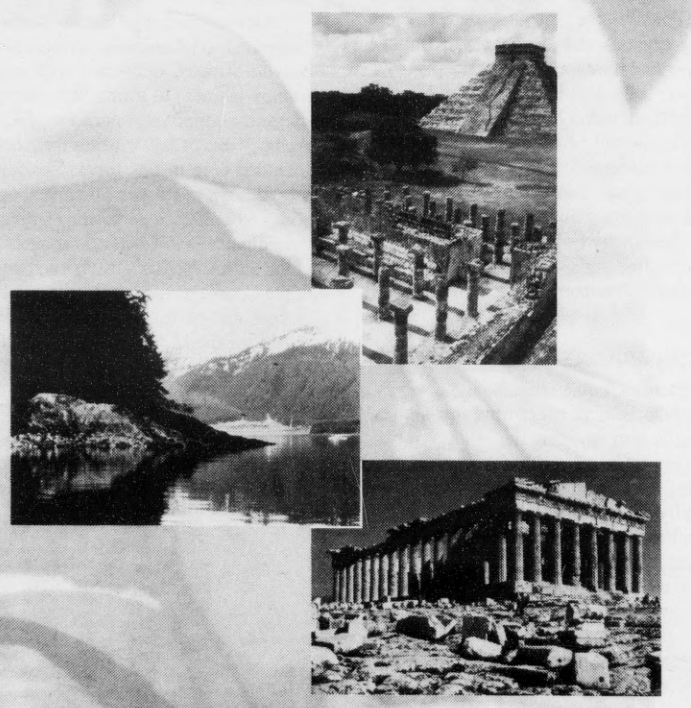

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Astrology...

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could happen, except what you're planning for. Thank G-d you love adventure, because any trip you take now will be one. Conversations as well as excursions are bound to take odd turns, perhaps tempting you to bluff your way through topics that you don't really understand. You will be found out very quickly, but your efforts will be appreciated as entertainment to those who see through you. This is a wonderful time for you to visit art museums. Styles and aesthetics that you'd never much cared for may take on a new dimension. By the same token you could get bored with artistry that you used to love. Visit churches to study the art. You'll see things—in the artwork and in yourself—that will quite surprise you.

CAPRICORN: Expect old flames to try to re-ignite your life. This could be a very passionate month, but likely to be as confusing as it is fun. Don't make dates without your calendar in hand. You will inevitably be involved in "double booking" situations. Let it be the other person's fault. Try to be gracious when it happens, and have back-up plans. Sexual issues can make you a little crazy this month, but exploring them will be well worth the insanity. You may have some unresolved issues about sexual tastes or definitions—all this sounds heavier than it really is, and some experimentation will settle most of your questions. A dictionary may solve the rest.

AQUARIUS: Relationships are likely to get very confusing this month. You typically enjoy independence, but in your own odd way you're very loyal to your partner. Just how those loyalties manifest can be very confusing now. Renegotiation is necessary several times in the next few weeks. You or your partner may easily question trust and intentions, but the real issue is clarity of expression, which is bloody difficult right now. If you can both accept that this is a mad month, things are slightly ca-ca, and you can roll with it until the middle of next month, things will definitely clear up. Take it all in good grace and humor, and your partnership will be strong and clear by then.

PISCES: Work can be especially frustrating now, especially if you'd rather be doing something more creative. Make a list of your frustrations. Later you will have a chance to renegotiate your situation. This is a good time to begin getting your case together, but not to present it. Health problems that have been lurking beneath the surface are likely to manifest, but little things dealt with now are less likely to create serious problems later. Having a creative, expressive outlet will help to keep your nerves steady and your health sturdy.

CABARET

BY GENE PRICE

Paula West at The Embassy

A year or so ago I heard a young singer in a cabaret competition. She didn't win, but there was a quality in her voice and a determination in her presentation that said: Remember me. Paula West has been showing up on the local scene with greater frequency these days, mostly at 1001 Nob Hill and with some gigs in July at The Embassy Lounge on Polk at Turk.

Featuring the likes of Denise Perrier, Buddy Conner and Madelyn Eastman on Tuesdays through Sundays, The Embassy offers a terrific showcase for jazz locals. There's no cover (but a two-drink minimum), and except for the bartender's heavy hand with the cash drawer during a soft lyric, the club gets high marks.

Paula West has a lovely, velvety, mellow voice. My first impression of her soft, laid-back "Do Nothing Till You Hear From Me," was Sarah Vaughn without the edge. "Peel Me a Grape," the old cabaret standard, was delivered in a pouty but sweet arrangement that had little in common with Eartha Kitt's sassy, sexy version. Ms. West's "Sleeping Bee" was lovely in its innocence, beautifully phrased and, in this case, appropriately sweet.

Switching mood and tempo she offered a fine "Please Don't Talk About Me When I'm Gone" with just a hint of Billie Holiday intonation and followed it with a soulful and (again) laid-back "Cry Me A River." "My Heart Belongs to Daddy" gave her the chance to do a bit of improvisation, and her "Good Morning, Heartache," was impeccably sung. She closed her first set with "How About You" that was bright and fresh with a welcome hint of humor (was this the *real* Paula West?).

This young vocalist has a lot going for her: clean enunciation, rich tone, sure pitch. But what I'm missing at the moment is her commitment to revealing some personal emotion. The voice can take care of itself, but the mind has to get behind the lyrics. I'd like to hear her really push herself into something innovative with a musical phrase, put some *bite* into her vocal attack, make her own statement. She's too good to settle for playing it safe. If and when she makes her move, watch out.

Paula West

The Ken Muir Trio (Wyatt Ruther on bass and Jack Stafford on drums) delivered some fine accompaniment.

You can catch Paula West at The Mandarin Aug. 3 at 1001 Nob Hill on Fridays and Saturdays from Aug. 9 and at The Embassy Aug. 13 and 21.

Diana Lynn at The Plush Room

Referring to herself as "perky," Diana Lynn does not exactly fit the mold of the sultry, world-weary cabaret chanteuse. Even in a slinky, strapless gown and long, black gloves, she's all-blond innocence playing the *femme fatale*.

Blue-eyed, eager, and with a stage persona that can only be called ingratiating, this ingenue out of a 1940s film musical sings the most sophisticated program of Broadway and semi-obscure pop that I've heard in many a blue moon. (She's obviously burned the midnight oil with a stack of Mabel Mercer records.)

The voice is warm, lilting, fresh, and while she falters now and then on a high note or fails to sustain a final phrase, we may well, as the song says, blame it on her youth. This Plush Room gig is her first major outing as a torch singer.

Lynn's songbook is an eclectic treasure ranging from Bart Howard's devil-may-care "It Was Worth It," to a very fine encore "Crazy," with such in-between ultra-romantic classics as "Long Ago and Far Away," "My Romance" and "My Shining Hour." What a pleasure to hear again such underrated numbers as Cy Coleman's "I Walk a Little Faster," and "Isn't He Adorable," Harburg & Lane's "Poor You," Lerner and Lane's delightfully fresh "Why Him?" and the lovely, recently discovered Gershwin "Ask Me Again."

A couple of choices seemed ill-fitted to the vocalist's well-scrubbed demeanor: the old Peggy Lee standard "Why Don't He Do Right?" (nevertheless Lynn put a nice edge on it), and that trashy, ought-to-be retired "I Wanna Be Evil."

"What Did I Have That I Don't Have Now?" offered some particularly nice phrasing. Rodgers and Hart's plaintive "Nobody's Heart Belongs to Me" was another winner, along with Harry Warren's "I Know Why." Cole Porter's "Greek To

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This *almost* impeccable program had two minor drawbacks: Both the opening and closing numbers, "You Should See Yourself" and "Everything I've Got Belongs to You," were weak choices. Some of the song introductions were girlishly irrelevant, but with the experience of a few more concerts, that too, no doubt, shall pass.

Family Secrets

Mort Fisher is pissed—in a contemplative kind of way. His wife, Bev, is at her "women who love too much" seminar and has left him some rice cakes to eat. A $36,000 college education has bought his son a profession as an Israeli shepherd. And worse, his New Age daughter, Fern, has announced she's bringing her lover, Molly, to her parents' 25th wedding anniversary.

"You'll love her, she's Jewish," Fern promises.

"I don't care if she's a rabbi," Mort whines.

A few months later Fern drops another phone-call bomb: She's having a baby. She and Molly have split, but he'll love Miguel, she assured Mort. Miguel? Suddenly the Jewish lesbian stockbroker is looking good to him.

Mort is one of five members of a stereotypical Jewish family (formerly of New York City, now of San Diego) that Sheri Glaser lovingly dissects in "Family Secrets." Written with her husband, Greg Howells, the connected monologues are poignant, hilarious, now and then downright sentimental, and delivered with the sure touch of a master comedian. An onstage wig and costume change and Glaser segues from man to woman.

Bev, the laid-back mom, may be my favorite Fisher. She tried to be the perfect mother, and when that didn't work out, she simply had a nervous breakdown. The timing was perfect; they had major medical. Bev cackles nervously between clenched teeth as she describes how her breakdown was precipitated by a less-than-perfect lasagne. Recovered but heavy into lithium and momentarily up, Bev is going to law school. She's going to be a judge.

Glaser then leads us through an outrageously funny but harrowing episode detailing the homebirth of Fern's child. Excruciatingly graphic (and overlong), she describes her early contractions as like "stubbing your toe *over* and *over* and *over* again." She moans, she grimaces, she is not amused when the midwife tells her the baby is "on the runway." She would like to share her pain with Miguel by biting him on the testicles *over* and *over* and *over* again. Fern understands now why women die in childbirth: "It's preferable."

Photo by Janet Van Ham

Sheri Glaser

Sandra, the teenage daughter, is currently under house arrest. In her valley-girl voice she complains bitterly about having to vacuum since her mother doesn't do anything but go to work and come home and fix dinner. She's also delighted to have lost her virginity last night. She doesn't remember much about it except that it was over so fast. She thought it might have been more slow motion, like in the movies. She wished he had kissed her.

Grandmother Rose has also come to California to live. In her 80's, she's just re-married. They had a gefilte fish swan at the reception. "Lovely." Yes, they're sexually active. Maybe too much so. Sometimes when he's hot and heavy on top of her, her mind wanders. "Did I pay the insurance?" she thinks. But, by Rose, life is wonderful.

Glaser's show, headed for New York, is still in workshop under the direction of Art Wolff. It's already picked up several drama critics' awards during its year-and-a-half run in Los Angeles. Now in its third month at The Improv, "Family Secrets" plays Tues.-Thurs., 8 pm; Sat., 7 pm. Don't Miss it. Call 441-7808.

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Two Nice Girls are Meg Netges, Kathy Korniloff, Gretchen Phillips and Pam Barger.

Two Nice Girls
Great American Music Hall, July 3

Whenever Two Nice Girls come to town, I know I'm in for a fun evening, because this Austin-based band o' dykes, composed of Gretchen Phillips, Pam Barger, Kathy Korniloff and Meg Hentges, knows how to rock, as well as croon, tease and swing. Wielding guitars, mandolins and accordions with ease, they create a distinctive, yet hybrid sound. This show did not disappoint.

The Girls made no secret of their love for the Music Hall, "our home away from home," as vocalist Phillips put it. She described it as a place where the band feels comfortable trying out new things and where Hentges made her debut with the band two years ago. This time out, they featured a few "worldwide debuts," including one song, "A Lesson of War," in response to "George Bush's most recent work." Phillips and Korniloff shared the spotlight with their bandmates, and some members took on unexpected roles. Barger, usually an unobstrusive figure hidden behind the drum kit, emerged to sing "Swimming in Circles" at the front of the stage. She also played bass on two numbers. Not to be outdone, Korniloff, usually on lead guitar, took a turn on the drums for a bang-up, "self indulgent" version of "Honky Tonk Woman."

The band appears to be moving more toward the rock mode than their earlier country-tinged work such as, "I Spent My Last $10 on Birth Control and Beer." Phillips, who wrote that song, could not be happier about the direction they are taking. "I have to play loud, and Two Nice Girls has definitely gotten louder," she said. Hence, the brain-fried rock of "The Southern Song" and the Aerosmith cover "Janey's Got a Gun." They also revved up recorded material, such as "Noona's Revenge" and "The Holland Song." "Queer Song" turned into a virtual wall of sound, powered by blaring guitars.

The Girls are in a tough spot right now. With the release of their third record, *Chloe Liked Olivia,* they were poised to break through from the confines of the college and lesbian audiences to some semblance of commercial success. The record was selling well when their label, Rough Trade, folded, putting their stock and recording career in limbo. Phillips told me that "our lawyer is working on it."

Perhaps this mishap explains why the audience, though devoted to the band, seemed unfamiliar with the newer songs, many of which appear on *Chloe.* Nevertheless, they got into the spirit of the evening, whistling at Phillips' bustier, imploring Hentges to smile, cheering on Barger's bass playing and laughing at Korniloff's antics. Phillips, master of the throwaway line, was in fine form. "Genital warts, anyone?" she offered, as Hentges introduced a song.

They played two sets, interrupted by a merchandising break, during which the audience rushed the stage and engaged in a frenzy of buying and schmoozing. One man proffered a cassette of Meat Joy, Phillips' old band, which he'd held for several years to have autographed. The discriminating Two Nice Girls fan had his or her pick of such items as a songbook, LPs (the only stock they have), T-shirt and even a watch! (at $40, on the pricey side).

In the end, perhaps it was the sex that was most memorable. The band did a mini sexsession: "Speed Racer" was milked for its full lounge potential, as Phillips slid her hand down her body to grab her crotch. She bumped up against Korniloff, who commented, "It's good for me. I have to do something on the road," to which Phillips acknowledged, "We're horny." Then it was on to "I Feel (Like Makin') Love," the unlikely medley supplemented by breathy moans, which were downplayed this time out. Of course, they closed the evening with the disco cover medley spanning "Purple Haze" to "Love Me Two Times," concluding with two, count 'em, two, climaxes. I felt we should all smoke a cigarette afterward, and I don't smoke.

Debora Iyall
DNA Lounge, July 6

Iyall, best known for her work with Romeo Void, which broke up years ago, is now performing with the New Cynics, a backing band that includes her husband. She started off the night sounding like, well, a lounge singer, performing blues and cabaret standards. Her voice is too thin to really carry it off, and with her well-worn fuck you attitude, one wonders why she tries. She seems too hardened to play the heart-broken floozy. Midway through the night she dropped the pose, returning to original material, including Romeo Void's two hits "Girl In Trouble" and "Never Say Never." It was a disconcerting and uneven performance. Though she has appeal in any mode, Iyall needs to decide what she wants to do.

Disappear Fear/Bud E. Luv
Paradise Lounge, July 9

Here was an exceedingly odd bill. Luv does a *tres* cheesy Las Vegas type act, while Disappear Fear is a four piece, mostly dyke band performing sweet-natured, folk-based music. Shallow meets deep. The mixing of fans, by itself, was a trip. As Disappear Fear began their set, Bud E. Luv's fans invaded the area and began partner dancing. Yuppie-ish men in suits chugged beer and dragged their female companions aimlessly around the floor in a pathetic display of revelry. A line of dykes tried to dissuade the het couples from doing this, but to no avail. The set was a mix of upbeat and slow numbers. A few songs into it, Sonia, the guitarist and songwriter, lost her electric power and had to improvise on acoustic guitar. The second vocalist, her sister Cindy, pissed off the lesbians present when she told a joke involving "my boyfriend," cold hands and thighs. One woman asked me, "Why did she have to say that? The rest of them are dykes. You'd think they were all straight."

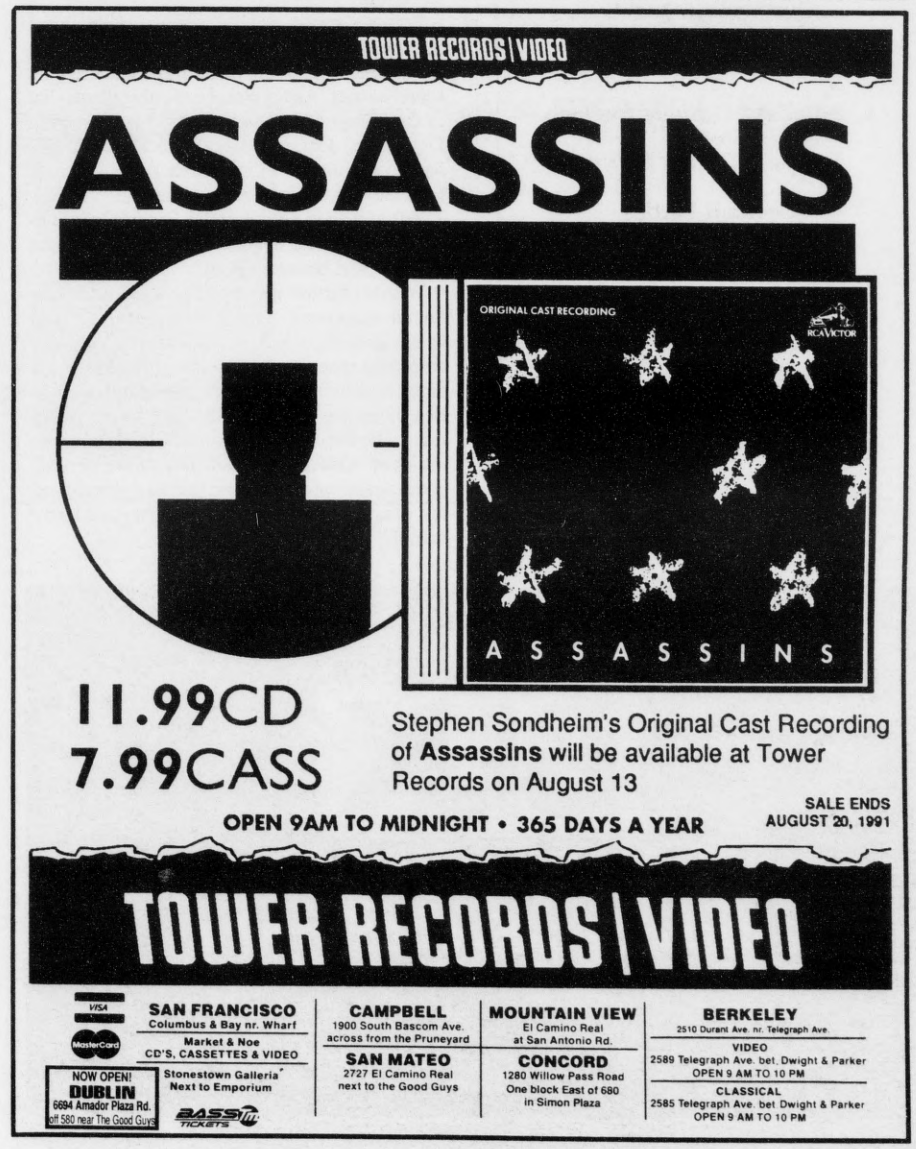
Between sets, Sonia obliged me with an interview, and we squeezed into the closet-sized dressing room. Working with her sister, she said, is "very wonderful and very difficult." There are differences that need to be bridged. For example, she noted that when they opened for Two Nice Girls in Santa Rosa, and Cindy related the anecdote, the audience hissed. Sonia said, "So I told it the way I'd say it, with 'my girlfriend,' and they cheered." She grinned and shrugged. Nothing seemed to really bother her. She bubbled with energy, giggling at herself and pointing out the "We Are Everywhere" sticker on a guitar case. "I always think of this as a gay sticker, but it's a Deadhead sticker! Only in California do the Deadheads have these stickers, but if it starts in California, it'll spread." She chuckled. Setting down a glass of Cuervo, she explained, "I drink it just before I go on. I've been doing that for a couple weeks now."

Sonia has a lot on her mind; her mission is to wake people up about "the limitations we live under...We're asleep a lot." She said she writes constantly, hence the band's recorded *oeuvre* of two albums, plus an EP. Disappear Fear is based in Baltimore, which is not known for its music or gay community, but "we have a large gay following in Baltimore and D.C." She sees their fans as a crosssection—more gay than the average band, but less gay than on the women's circuit. They've performed at several festivals, including High Sierra, and will play Rhythm Fest, a women's music festival, in August.

One hopes these audiences are more appreciative than the Paradise Lounge crowd. During the second set, Sonia sang a poignant solo accompanied by her acoustic guitar, and the straight couples, still chugging their beers and getting drunker by the moment, chattered on annoyingly. It called to mind an exchange I'd had earlier with Disappear Fear's agent, who commented "South of Market sure has changed a lot." "How did it used to be?" Pause. "Very gay," she said, walking away. Their address is PO Box 65095, Baltimore, MD 21209

Syd Straw
Slim's, July 16

Ah, Syd. She's an odd one, and therein lies her appeal. It's not enough to have a great and flexible voice, to write good songs or surround oneself with talented musicians. Syd Straw has done vocals for the Golden Palominos and released an album, *Surprise.* The reason I like her, though, is she's just so damn weird. Appearing in a rust-colored suit plus tie, floppy hat and granny glasses, she spent half her time onstage talking to us. Her folksy asides and between-song patter revealed more about her than about the songs. We were treated to her thoughts on San Francisco ("When I come to this town, the people who crawl out of the woodwork, it's amazing!"), Elvis Costello ("the man who stole my man" for his tour), and New York ("ever since I moved back to New York, I've been sick"). She took time to credit every songwriter she covered, including herself. Peter Holsapple is a particular favorite, garnering two mentions from Syd, as well as Chet Baker, Prince and Nick Lowe. Straw's voice is chameleonic, adapting to the style of song and its writer. Singing something she wrote with Michael Stipe, she took on his nasal tones. With the Costello song, it was his phrasing. The band, including Lucinda Williams' guitarist Gurf Morlix, and utility man Greg Lees, played smoothly and indulged Syd's verbal flights of fancy. The performance solidified Straw's status as iconoclast. She may not be "the toughest girl in the world," but she'll do.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Paul Anelli Is Marlene DeLorme, John Ferreira is Judy Goose and "Drew Todd" is Lana Lust, in "Drag Queens in Outer Sapce."

Drag Queens In Outer Space

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

Sky Gilbert's *Drag Queens In Outer Space*, directed by Iris Landsberg (who earlier directed the restrained and moving *Gertrude Stein and a Companion* is the current mainstage production at Theatre Rhinoceros.

Designer Alan Greenspan's set (the outsized accouterment of a drag queen's boudoir—queen-sized Kleenex box bed, giant-sized condom package, sunglasses, address book, hanky and dressing table) and Ralph Sauer's inner and outer-space glitzy costumes set the proper tone of other-worldliness.

But the script and its social and political message thereof, evaded me—perhaps because the decibel level of the three drags shattered the sound barrier. As for plot, I can only tell you that to the horror of his sister drags, Marlene (Ann Drogynous) decides to shuck his feathers and furs and go "straight" as just another horny but effeminate man. Girl friends Lana Lust (Drew Todd) and Judy Goose (John Ferreira) fly into shock as Marlene strips down to gym outfit and Addidas and becomes Bob.

Without further ado we're plunged into three dream sequences: Lana presides over a grand tour, via slides, of Europe; Judy plays a Valkyrie-costumed space warrior to Lana's queen of the night; and Bob is involved in a soap opera about two men (one a doctor searching for an AIDS cure) who are trying to adopt a child. Then to the strains of "Over the Rainbow," it's wake up time, home again, safe and sound (but any wiser?) and just in time to put on something pretty and hurry on down to Club Uranus.

That's about it in a sequined nutshell. Billed as a satire, this "surrealistic parable for adults" failed to set up a premise for satire. The director's notes in the program state: "Whether you agree with them or not, drag queens dare to expose who they are—and therefore can inspire us to be a little more of who we are." I agree with the first part, but as for inspiration as to who I am, no thanks. I'll just keep shopping for my inspirational role model. *Drag Queens in Outer Space* may well be a romp for some, but I failed to detect one iota of wit in its shrieking script. Lack of wit notwithstanding, the opening night audience howled at every utterance. The play's popularity has been so overwhelming, in fact, that the Theatre Rhinoceros has extended its run through Aug.17. Enjoy. Call 252-5900.

Bus Stop

REVIEWED BY DEAN GOODMAN

In the '50s William Inge had a remarkable run of Broadway successes paralleled, perhaps, only by Tennessee Williams. His plays were considered to be almost Chekovian in style and context, depicting a section of middle-America in detail and with more attention paid to the development of each character than concerned most playwrights. Then with the growing interest in the Theatre of the Absurd, the realistic theatre went into decline, Inge went out of fashion (none of his works after *The Dark at the Top of the Stairs* clicked with critics or the public) and the author eventually committed suicide.

Arguably one of his best plays, and certainly his most commercially successful, was *Bus Stop*. It made a Broadway star of Kim Stanley and provided Marilyn Monroe with her finest acting opportunity in films. It's easy to understand why North Beach Repertory, which dedicates itself to ensemble playing, would be attracted to this work. It offers rich roles for all of the actors, as well as the female lead. Under Anthony St. Martin's direction the production is absorbing and has very good performances from most of the actors. Linda Pacino as Grace, Carolyn Doyle as Elma, Scott Phillips as Carl, Richard Ruyle as Virgil and Jack Halton as Dr. Lyman all give convincing and sometimes poignant performances. Tavia Cathcart has settled into her performance as Cherie; she has a quivering radiance about her and her rendition of "That Old Black Magic" is a high point in her characterization of the sad and wistful little chanteuse.

Robert Keefe, in the seventh week of this show's run, has stepped into the role of Bo, Cherie's ardent would-be lover. This part is a trap for many actors, who have a tendency to come on too strong, too loud and loutish in the early scenes. Keefe does not totally avoid this trap. His loutishness in his first moments onstage could be tempered with a little bewilderment which would lay the ground for his later increasing sensitivity and appreciation of Cherie's nature. The actor's natural charm does eventually come through.

Robin Cooper's excellently detailed set—a bus stop and cafe somewhere west of Kansas City—is one of the show's strong points.

Bus Stop plays Thursdays through Sundays, 8 pm. through Sept. 1 at the North Beach Theatre. Call 928-4860.

Southern Lights

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

San Francisco playwright Lee Brady's musical drama *Southern Lights*, in its Theatre Artists of Marin premiere, reveals once again that Ms. Brady has carved out a special section of rural Southwest America as her personal territory. Her script, following the format of country songs, recounts the bittersweet romance of two young lovers, both singers, who were reared as brother and sister by legendary country musician Cash Callendar (a character based on Hank Williams).

Following the murder of her philandering father by her jealous mother, young Callie fled to Las Vegas to pursue her own career. Adopted son Lon McGee stayed behind in Texas to run the family bar as a memorial museum to Cash's memory. On the rebound from an unhappy affair, Callie comes home to find herself drawn again to her earlier love for Lon.

With Shannon O'Hurley and Robert Keefe playing both the young lovers and the parents, musical flashbacks are utilized to reveal the parents' tragedy. The immediacy of the flashback technique, a simple matter of dissolves on film, presents a more difficult feat on stage when the same two actors are playing dual roles. At times the transitions were too abrupt. I feel strongly, too, that since the real drama is in the telling of the parents' story, Brady's script calls for a more intensive exploration and development of their characters—preferably by two additional actors.

Shannon O'Hurley, as young Callie Callendar, is not only beautiful, she sings like a dream. In the title song, "Southern Lights," she expresses an exquisite vulnerability. One hoped (in vain) that she would reprise the number. Robert Keefe delivered a fine portrayal of the open, earnest, sometimes stubborn Lon McGee whose love for his childhood sweetheart has remained constant. The two actor/singers were handsomely paired.

Under the direction of Robert Beiful, the onstage country band created a nostalgic mood of time and place. Of the 11 country songs, I especially liked Julie Jackson's haunting song of memory, "Southern Lights"; Jim Michaels and Jim Monahan's "Why?"; Montana and Barbara Borax's "Longin' for Texas Blues" and Montana's "You'd Better Go."

Virginia Abascal directed; Keith Snider designed the rundown, honky tonk bar and Dhyanis designed the costumes. I trust we have not seen the last of *Southern Lights*.

Amulets Against the Dragon Forces

REVIEWED BY DEAN GOODMAN

Combine a fascinating play by a Pulitzer Prize winner such as Paul Zindel with excellent direction by Chris Phillips and Louis Parnell and superb acting by a talented cast, and what have you got? A powerful, mind-blowing evening in the theater that you won't forget for a long time!

Amulets Against the Dragon Forces may be the best piece of work the Actors Theatre has yet produced; if not that, it is certainly a brilliant ensemble performance and the best over-all production I've seen in the Bay Area so far this year.

Zindel, whose *Man-in-The-Moon-Marigolds* won him acclaim many years ago, hasn't written much for the theater lately. *Amulets*, however,

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FILM

Marco Hofschneider in "Europa, Europa"

Europa, Europa

REVIEWED BY BO HUSTON

The opening sequence of *Europa, Europa* shows the figure of a boy, suspended under water, swimming, and is followed by the statement: *This is a true story*. The film very much depends on its truth, as it presents a series of coincidences, mistakes and unbelievable happenings in the life of Solomon Perel, on whose autobiography it is based.

The story begins in 1925 with Solomon's circumcision ceremony, attended by his German-Jewish family. As a boy, Solomon witnesses Hitler's rise and the emergence of Nazi ideology and imagery. The troops of brown-shirted Hitler Youth who marched down his street seemed more boyish than fascist, which establishes a challenging dynamic in Agnieszka Holland's film; *Europa, Europa* is neither strictly apologist nor condemning of the characters, their plight, their decisions.

Solomon's family travels to Poland, and when the Nazis invade, he and his brother, Isaac, manage to escape, to hide. The brothers are separated and Solomon is taken to a Russian orphanage where he is accepted as a Jewish refugee and indoctrinated with Stalin's formal ideas concerning the collectivity and the state. Here he comes to view Germany, his homeland, as the enemy. When Hitler invades, Solomon escapes once again and is accepted by German soldiers as purebred German—he is valued for his knowledge of Russian and used as an interpreter. In the course of the war, Solomon ends up again with the Russians, then again with the Germans.

As a Jew, he is in hiding and in torturous conflict; most explicitly, he cannot afford to let any of his German comrades, or the girl he falls in love with, see him naked, or they will know he is circumcised. Indeed, a German soldier, Kellerman, with whom he becomes friends, approaches him sexually; it is not a fear of homosexuality, or the soldier that panics Solomon, but the fact of exposure, itself. When Solomon's secret is revealed, Kellerman does not betray the boy. Kellerman asks about Passover, and Solomon explains the meaning of the holiday and its ceremonies. When asked if he still prays, Solomon answers: "Religion is the opium of the masses," a scene which poignantly illustrates his confusion and doubt.

The story is a nightmare, reflecting the insane delusions and sad arbitrary beliefs of the war. A Nazi commanding officer asks young Solomon who the enemy is. Russia? the boy asks. England, France, America? The officer declares that the war is not against these nations, but against the Jews. Even though a respected member of a Hitler Youth training school, Solomon does not know, and refuses to know, the depth of the hatred toward his own people, and its consequences.

But the film is, essentially, about identity. The priorities of youth—home and school, acceptance, community, sex and self—were ingeniously, tragically exploited by both sides. All loyalties were obscured and untrustworthy. *Europa, Europa* is a difficult film precisely because it is not a sentimental story of infiltration and heroism, but of survival—a boy's attempt to hide himself. In a scene with his German girlfriend's mother, Solomon cannot keep the secret anymore; disregarding any possible repercussions, he confesses. "I'm a Jew", he says, and sinks to the floor, crying. Here Holland visually portrays the shameful association Solomon has developed with his Jewishness, articulating the insidious path from being hated to hating oneself.

Marco Hofschneider plays Solomon expertly, beautifully, and it is an enormously complex role—masks upon masks. The character is propelled from idea to idea, community to community; his intellectual understanding of politics and nationalism, his actual beliefs, are unformed, conflicted, because he is merely trying to survive and, not least, because he is only a teenager. Hofschneider's every gesture and expression perfectly demonstrate Solomon's naivete, his fear. There is humor in the situation as well—the ironic, dark humor of mistaken identity, of the attempt to operate normally in an extraordinary circumstance. But Holland's film is really addressing the huge (nearly incomprehensible) questions of secrecy, betrayal and loss posed by Europe's experience during the war.

Europa Europa is brilliantly constructed, expressing, among many things, the duality of modern Europe suggested in its title—the rich heritage, landscape and history of the place, coupled with its ominous prejudice, violence and political machinations.

Today, Solomon Perel lives in Israel. The film ends with a shot of his face, textured by his brutal, unbelievable experience, but with a hint of the mystery his story represents.

August Previews:

Paris is Burning, Slackers, Time Off, and A Letter to Harvey Milk

REVIEWED BY RANDY TUROFF

Two films to look forward to in August are *Paris Is Burning*, the documentary on voguing and the drag balls of Harlem, and *Slacker*, Richard Linklater's feature film on cultural anarchism in Austin.

Paris Is Burning was press-screened too late to make this newspaper's deadline, although I've heard it's not to be missed. *Slacker* was seen, and I recommend it highly as an offbeat, original conception. It's the kind of film which is more real than arty, but more arty than consensus reality. People in the film don't spend much time worrying about making the rent or fretting about their niche in the world. The world of the film is contained in one square mile of Austin, where a large "community" of post-college unemployed intellectual scammers lollygag around the streets and wander in and out of each others' unstructured lives.

Slacker tags along with 100 odd characters, giving one after another a few frames of quasi-stardom. Everyone's got some kind of rap or obsession which they lay out for the camera. Unlike Warhol films, where everyone loves to act out or perform some sort of sexual role for the filmmaker, these characters could care less. They have their own views of reality, and they tell it as they think it, with no particular aim to please or to make sense of life outside their own minds or interests.

Their world is full of incomprehensible violence. It shows America as the kind of place where solid citizens suddenly crack and start shooting at cars from freeway ramps. Everyone's got an opinion of who's doing what to whom, and many of the slackers give vent to highly imaginative and very oddball theories of conspiracy based on strangely accurate fortune cookie metaphysics.

Slacker is an unobtrusive film which explores, in its own roundabout way, the mind and heart of a generation which thrives anorexically on coca-cola, beer, pop tarts, and TV. The intellect is functioning but the connection to reality is eclipsed by an apathy that renders them numb—a numbness which may be a truthful response to an inappropriate world. For those who can get away with it and who have no notion of changing anything, perhaps dropping out or slacking off is the way to go.

Some of the characters in the film are used to talking to themselves. Some of the characters latch themselves momentarily onto strangers to communicate their pain. Intimacies are essentially doomed, and future considerations are as pointless as careers or political activism. The world keeps dying daily. People get shot, a boy hits and runs over his mother, another disappears unexplainedly without any real fuss or care. The fact is, somebody's missing because he's not there and nobody's seen him around for awhile. In his empty room are a handful of postcards that inform us he had rented a room in a house full of strangers

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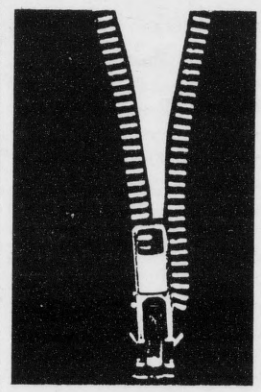

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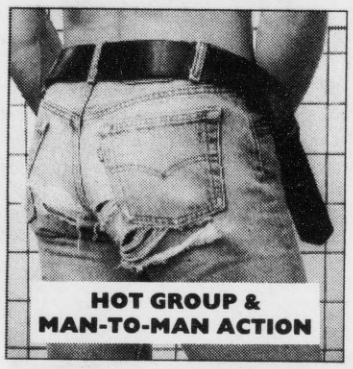

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And In This Corner... Jean Harris

Watch out for the **High Heel Wrestling** Rematch slated for mid-month, featuring a no-holds-barred cat fight between Chastity harpy **Rena McDonald** and San Francisco drag darling **Jerome Caja**. The event guarantees to be a brutal battle between a blonde bruiser and a hatchet-burying, in-your-face girl-next-door. These are the highly revered female impersonators who brought The City *Chicks in Chains; Crawford: The Rock Opera; Sybil, The Musical* and the *Sugar Walls* infantilism adult-diaper-baby bath party.

It is warming to see how these events bring together the nonviolent activist community to view a high impact blood bath.

At last year's match, after being carried into the ring on the shoulders of two humpy fans, the action was immediate as Rena impacted against Jerome's fragile frame, causing a lingerie explosion much to the delight of the agitated mob.

Rena's hair, soaked in Jell-O to form a deadly cat-o'-nine-tails coiffure, whipped about wildly as the girls had it out. Jerome's scarf draped wig(s), which were piled upon her tenderized skull, flew aside, baring her bald wig, much to her chagrin. Victory chants erupted from the horde.

The event progressed rapidly until the climax: the shaving-cream-filled kiddy-pool, a much-used feature of the drag set. Needless to say, it was not pretty. Rena came away with the title, and the audience came away with lace dainties that had been hurled from the bout like so much silky shrapnel.

An insider's note: Make sure to look for Jerome's shoes. Last year she sported crocheted high heels.

As of this paper's deadline, a date had yet to be set for the event; however, this event is a biggie not to be missed.

MORE FIGHTING

For those who aren't into staged violence and bitchiness, for those who want the real thing, a **San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade** meeting comes highly recommended.

Who couldn't love a good dose of infighting? It pervades so much of the queer community. Perhaps it is because there is so little power and recognition to be had in marginalized communities that people fight even harder for that which is available.

At a recent meeting, photographer **Marc Geller** was told he could not photograph the assembly. It is interesting that this publicly funded group can decide that, while other groups receiving public funds are open to press scrutiny. The real issue is that some of those working to plan "the largest lesbian/gay event in the world" are closeted. How ironic.

Press releases from individuals lay beside the agendas at the entrance of the room. The stormy meeting had a dark subtext of allegations and finger pointing.

The board protects itself from penetration of its ranks by outsiders through a convoluted access scheme codified by new bylaws passed in an under-attended meeting in January. Similar to the **Royal Court System**'s ideology, those who are "peripheral to the trip"—as former **Empress Ginger** described new blood—are denied access to control and planning of the event, leaving the power in the hands that have controlled it forever.

What these people must realize is that those outside their organization, those they view to be the radical fringe, are working for the advancement of the community, not its destruction. They should embrace with excitement, rather than reject with fear, those who bring new energy to established events.

Pink Saturday was an excellent example of this. **Gilbert Baker** ran for co-chair of the Parade last year. Though he was defeated, he redirected his energy toward creation of **Pink Saturday**, an event of huge scale and success. As long as the Parade Committee pushes away people like Baker, San Francisco will have to endure an unimaginative Parade and a lackluster celebration.

While Parade Committee meetings are known to be unbearably cold, hard places, democratic clubs are another realm altogether. Nonmembers were out in droves at the recent **Harvey Milk Democratic Club** meeting to watch the fireworks over the club's controversial mayoral nominations.

Unfortunately, for the tourist audience, the meeting was full of posturing and formal politeness, rather than the hoped-for fisticuffs.

Fortunately, candidate **Frank Jordan** held a good-ole-boy be-in downstairs in the Dovre Club, a neighborhood Irish bar set in the corner of the Womens' Building (where Queer Nationals have been known to duck out to for a smart cocktail when "safe space" issues hit the floor). Jordan was met with jeers and taunts by the soon-bored and exiting Milk Club tourists.

Jordan is amazing. His policy on homelessness? Make all would-be applicants for social service assistance undergo a warrant check. That's about as wise as making AIDS testing mandatory and public.

Rumor has it that one of the gay rags is planning on endorsing him for mayor. Go figure.

Whatever the case, pull up some popcorn and choose a vantage point for the special-interest fight of the week.

OUTING AND VOGUING

"Outing is over" announced **Michelangelo Signorile** during our phone conversation last week. His ALL CAPS rants (dubbed Larry Kramer bold) have been put to rest, along with their stomping grounds, *Outweek*, which folded in June.

His cover story, which was slated to put *Outweek* to bed, cites a high level spokesperson for the Pentagon as being queer. It has been picked up by the *Advocate*, after having been bought, then dropped by the *Village Voice* in New York. The *Advocatge* is still trying to decide how this hot potato will be served.

Rising out of the ashes, a mystery publication presently christened *Q* is being put together in New York. *Q* has apparently offered Signorile the position of editor-in-chief, but he doesn't seem to be biting. He jokingly described the next logical step as "*Outweek-Lite*... a kinder, gentler *Outweek*."

I wonder if the Pentagon spokesperson was a former Boy Scout. Call the United Way and ask if a homosexual ex-Boy Scout-become-Pentagon spokesperson makes a good role model for the United Way-subsidized Boy Scouts (772-4300). Or call the Boy Scouts of America Bay Area Council with the same question at 543-8780. Call now. Call often.

For more of a taste of New York, see the acclaimed documentary ***Paris is Burning*** which opens in San Francisco this month with a Gala Benefit Premiere at the Victoria Theater. The film follows Harlem's Black and Latino Ball Scene, documenting some of its dominant characters and community bonds.

The film is powerful and captivating, expressing the need of an oppressed subculture for validation. "I want to be somebody," expresses one character, giving voice to the recurring theme. Movement and energy pervade the film. From start to finish it embodies the gay street spirit, making accessible drag sensibilities cultivated under duress by proud, talented people.

Paris is Burning sold out at the 1990 Frameline Lesbian/Gay Film Festival at the Castro Theatre, and has received awards such as Best Documentary by the L.A. Critics while sharing the prestigious U.S. Film Festival Best Documentary

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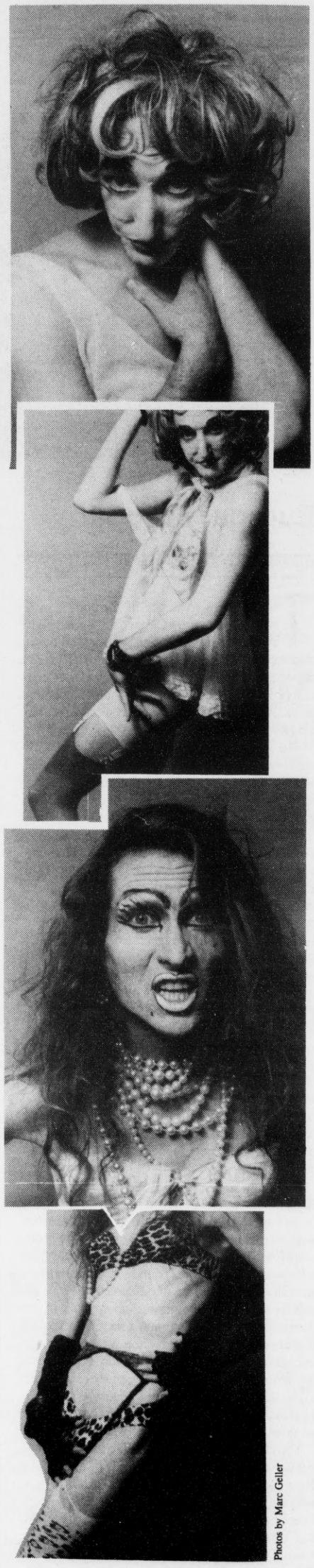

Photos by Marc Geller

Jerome Caja (on top) and Rena McDonald brace for their brutal battle to come this month.

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The benefit will feature an appearance by the film's director **Jennie Livingston** and performance by "voguer extraordinaire" **Willi Ninja**, along with local talents commedienne **Marga Gomez** and, from Pomo Afro Homos, **Brian Freeman**. The event is slated for Tuesday, August 6, with the reception at 7:00, followed by performances and the film at 8:30 pm. Proceeds will benefit The National Task Force on AIDS Prevention and LYRIC. For additional information regarding the benefit call 749-6700.

KITTY LITTER CLIPS OUT

Kitty Litter brought together the crowd at Klubstitute in a handholding swaying rendition of the **Clipped Out Recipes**' latest brilliant addition to queer culture: *Be Friends with the Breeders*.

The tune promotes love in the face of hatred in the most twisted "Turn-the-other-cheek" sense of idealism.

> *I was walkin' down Fillmore on my way to see a friend/ when a big old guy with a baseball bat/ said, "Faggot, time for your life to end."*
>
> *So he hit me on the head and he bashed me in the ribs and he started kicking me and I broke a heel and I spilled my purse into the gutter and I lost a false eyelash and ran my hose and the worst part—I couldn't find my powder! I was covered in blood and I couldn't find my powder.*

Chunks of painful experiences and homophobic diatribe are followed by the infectiously catchy chorus:

> *C'mon everybody, let's all hold hands. C'mon everybody, let's all be friends. Let's be friends with the breeders. Everybody. Let's be friends with the breeders.*

The song pays a dark tribute to society's treatment of a gentle people, ironically getting Kitty's audience into a communal mood, while simultaneously satirizing folk music.

If only the Parade Committee would book folk bands like the Clipped Out Recipes instead. Oh well. Kitty has disappeared from the Uranus/Klubstitute scene to perform in Japan for the next few months, but plans to return in time to join the Lavender Tortoise Liberty Tour on its cross-country queer visibility pilgrimage.

San Francisco performance artist (i.e., female impersonator) **Arturo** has returned from his stint in Tokyo for the summer in SF. His is an act to catch when he performs as **Patsy Cline and the Memphis G-Spots**. He *is* Patsy. Only a little racier. A *lot* racier. At his recent return at DNA he had the crowd riveted as he crooned tune after tune of the country great. His voice and articulation are perfect, and the band is tight. Definitely an act to catch while he is in town for the season.

Local industrial phenomenon **Gravity** is being featured at **Mike&Lewis**' party ***Hypnotec*** at the Kennel Club Friday, August 16th. These purveyors of commercial modern primitivism in the Land-That-Time-Forgot promise to pack the 800-person capacity disco barn to the rafters with sweating queens and go-go things. It's good to see them diversifying their corporate holdings, making their events more accessible to M-F, 9-5 types. The boys' parties are always fun, and do tend to bring out the tastiest selections. That goes for boys and girls.

A consistent weekend choice is the recently revived Saturday night floor shows by local Tenderloin drag talent at the **Black Rose** on Jones. The best lit, most mirrored queer bar in The City presents the most sincere, warm reviews to be found. These girls do Whitney with more verve than Whitney ever could.

The ever-changing/consistently unpredictable Klubstitute is presenting a benefit for Queer Nation's **Street Patrol**, the watchdog group that walks the Castro, and beyond, creating an anti-queerbashing presence in the neighborhood. The event is slated for Wednesday, August 7, at the End Up, and features the usual overcrowded list of performers. Of special note is "God's Girlfriend: The Tallest Industrial Pagan Witch on Earth," the towering smartly—coiffed het TV from Redwood City. Also, early in the evening, **Drew Macaroni and Cheese**, Grade-A chicken DJ, will be spinning his eclectic favorites. Pederasts take note.

Back on the Miracle Mile, **My Place**, one of the sleazier establishments on Folsom Street, has reopened its doors after being closed by a fire that gutted it last fall. The new and improved bar is bereft of any distinguishing features, but fortunately has none of the bad tweak art that used to adorn its walls. **Brad Phillips** is among the tasty crew hired to decorate the establishment, and the ownership is looking to attract a younger sleaze enthusiast patronage.

This month's **Most Hideous Club Poster Design** award goes to Liquid, Pleasuredome, Inc.'s latest entry into nitelife. Somehow Pleasuredome maintains its position at the top of the heap for horrid design and graphics. Perhaps if the posters being put up in the Castro weren't so ugly the merchants and residents wouldn't be so opposed to their posting.

Mayor's Race...

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fighting. "I am really concerned about who sits in the mayor's seat for the next four years and how they are going to deal with the lesbian/gay community or people of color communities, and that is why I am not going to put all my eggs in any one basket at this point."

As one anonymous city official put it—in a statement which many of those on either side of the mayoral battle concurred with—"It is unfortunate that the mayoral race is skewing the discussion of broader social issues, because everything that happens at this point is automatically placed in the context of mayoral politics. We are almost at the point where discussion of the issue of racism in the community will not be possible until after the mayor's race."

While people of color in the gay/lesbian community charge their voices are being shunted aside in the mayoral battle, the confrontation is really over more than just the election; it is about power—a broader vision of what power is in San Francisco and who has it.

Ken Jones, executive committee member of Alice B. Toklas and the director of the Stop AIDS Project, is not surprised by the ongoing charges of racism. "We have got a newly emerging African American gay political community that wants some power and does feel like they are participating in the central arena of the decision-making process. We are seeing newly emerging young women, who want to be a part of the decision-making process and the list goes on.

"I equate [ending] racism with giving up power, and none of us does that gracefully or easily," notes Jones. "We never hear someone say, 'Here is my power, take it.' That is not real. So it is tense."

Judith Stevenson, executive director of Operation Concern and a member of the Human Rights Commission's Lesbian/Gay Advisory Committee, says the political battles developing around racism and the mayoral campaign are an inevitable result of changing demographics, as people of color become an ever larger and more powerful constituency. "As much as in the moment it is terrifying and painful, I think it heralds the end of white supremacy. I have a lot of hope that people of color are drafting their agenda, and I have hope that white people will get out of the way." She added mischievously, "I have someone beside me who is saying white people are just from another planet."

The battle between the Agnos and Hongisto forces within the gay/lesbian community is engendering a certain level of cynicism, too. David Simmons, Milk Club Black Caucus co-chair, says both candidates are friends of the gay/lesbian communities. He says the attempt at portraying either side as evil is "slightly ridiculous" and adds that a big part of the battle is political careerism. "If Agnos wins, some people will do well. If Hongisto wins, others will do well. There are people who are waiting for political appointments, and this type of infighting is part of it."

Jones is just trying to stay out of the way of the mayoral juggernaut. "I have no expectation or hope [the candidates] will embrace an African American gay agenda—why should they? I don't expect it, so why should I put my dick on the line?"

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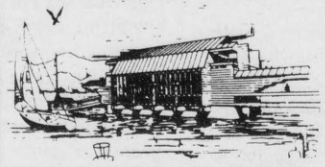

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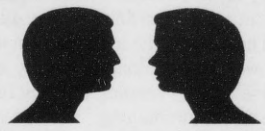

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Amulets...

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reminds us that the playwright is a major talent in the American theater. This play, now receiving its West Coast premiere by the Actors Theatre is a blockbuster, a shattering drama of rage and frustrated love, so true in its intimate revelations that it is almost painful to hear and to watch. One feels as though he is improperly eavesdropping on the most private thoughts and feelings of a group of highly complex people.

Floyd, played with uncompromising ruthlessness by Keith Phillips, brings his mother home from the hospital so that she may die in her own bed. The catch is, he must also employ a live-in nurse who brings along her nerdy teenage son. Floyd is already keeping a young hustler in the house and "entertaining" various other young men at midnight pool parties. Conflicts develop among all concerned in this strife-ridden household and the drama reaches a violent climax, with a few surprises and twists and turns along the way. It's a mesmerizing experience.

Each acting performance is first-rate. With the exception of Phillips, none of the actors in *Amulets* is well-known locally, and it's delightful to discover an ensemble of such impressive talent. Mary Matvy is astounding as Nurse Boyd, matching Phillips every step of the way in bossiness and determination. Peter Morgan is heartbreaking as her gay son, and Michael O'Connor, playing the hustler Harold, avoids all stereotypes for such a role and creates a warm and affectionate human being. As the dying mother, Joan Reynolds utilizes her few lines to project a portrait of a monstrous human being. (No wonder her son is filled with bitterness and hatred!) In minor roles Matthew Dwyer and Monte Perez are totally believable and add color to the general proceedings.

This production is an event of special significance. Both the play and the performances are riveting, high caliber theater. Staged in a fine multiple-level set by Steven Coleman and with good costumes by Denise Pieracci, *Amulets* is an experience any aficionado of superior theater cannot afford to miss.

Amulets Against the Dragon Forces plays Thursdays through Sundays, Actors Theatre. Call 296-9179.

Slacker...

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where he had never even known the names of the roommates. He had been cut off from his parents when they stopped sending him money. The narrative hook just hangs there until we forget about him and take up with another character's story, which we just as easily dismiss as we move along through the untied-together plot.

I liked *Slacker* for its dysfunctional honesty. Like watching wars on TV, or like side-stepping bum luck on the streets, *Slacker* shows a version of the urban world which is true to its worst forms. But don't let my critical tone mislead you. *Slacker* is a truly witty and irreverent movie. It's prolific in its use of ironies, and the raps are juxtaposed and edited with a quality sense of humor. Slackers are generally young people who slack off on conventionality, live marginally and listen to bands such as *The Butthole Surfers, Poi Dog Pondering* and the *Hickoids*. Written and directed by Linklater, this debut film has been favorably compared to the likes of Jim Jarmusch's *Stranger Than Paradise*.

Some of the slackers are truly funny. One woman pops up on the street with a hot item for sale. A gynecologist friend of hers in L.A. had copped a Madonna pap smear. She pulls the slide out of a jar and tells the guy that not only will she sell the smear at a good price, but that she'll throw in one of the two stray pubes as a bonus.

An older slacker is video-interviewed by a couple of college students. He says: "Work? To hell with the kind of work you have to do to earn a living. All that does is fill the bellies of the pigs that exploit us. Hey, look at me... I'm making it. I may live badly, but at least I don't have to work to do it."

Many of the slackers are total videodroids. If it hasn't been recorded, it might not have existed. Everybody's into recording everybody else, or taping themselves or watching everybody else on screen. One young dude, entirely obsessed with the J.F.K. assassination and writing a book called *Conspiracy A-Go-Go*, wears a T-shirt with the silk-screened image of Lee Harvey Oswald having just been shot by Jack Ruby in that narrow hallway before the network cameras. Another guy, ensconced in a tiny room filled with multiple screens, summed up the maniacal reality of the unreality he inhabits:

"A video image is much more powerful and useful than an actual event... I was walking down a street and this guy came barreling out of a bar... and he had a knife in his back... Well, I have no reference to it now, I can't refer back to it, I can't press rewind, I can't put it on pause, I can't put it on slo-mo and see all the little details. And the blood, it was all wrong. It didn't look like blood. The hue was off and I couldn't even adjust the hue. There I was seeing it for real, but it just wasn't right."

This guy sits in his room with a video camera strapped to his back, watching an image on screen of another videomaker shooting a rifle at his camera in a last hurrah, while Linklater of course is recording all of this for us, the viewers. Talking about the excesses of the TV generation!

Also coming up in August, after leaving the Castro Theatre for the UC Theatre in Berkeley, is the 11th annual Jewish Film Festival. Eytan Fox's *Time Off*, which premiered at this year's Lesbian/Gay Film Festival, is being shown at the Jewish Film Festival, for those who missed it the first time around. *Time Off* is a well-made film that looks at closeted homosexuality in the Israeli military. The acting in this film is particularly good. The glimpse into the life of a young soldier on leave for an afternoon in Jerusalem was simply and quietly told, and his brush with gay goings-on in the park was both thoughtful and poignant within the context of the story.

The other film that would be of particular interest to the lesbian/gay community at the Jewish Film Festival is a short piece called *A Letter to Harvey Milk: Harry Weinberg's Notebook*. It has a lesbian character in it, it has certain indirect connections to Harvey Milk and it deals with gay subject matter. It starts off a bit schmaltzy but soon elevates to a powerful and surprisingly moving testament to those who died and those who survived the concentration camps, to those who wore the Star of David and to those who wore the Pink Triangle.

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Who is sweet and caring. I am 42, hard body, and I have many diverse talents. All of which, would be at your service. I can imagine watching T.V., sitting on the floor with my head on your knee, as you pet my head. Or straining against tight bondage, totally open to you, as you strap one on, and then hugging. Continued Sex Toy II. Call ★★3074.

Passion & Comfort
Seeking one woman with whom to share love! Desire that perfect blend of passion & everyday comfort. Important criteria include emotional stability, physical fitness, meaningful career. We enjoy middle class comforts. Spirituality and personal growth should be a part of life. No alcohol or drugs please! South Bay or Peninsula preferred, but I will travel for the right match! Call ★★3075.

Couples Only
Long term married lesbian couple 26 and 32 living in the East Bay seeks other gay/lesbian couples for friendship. We enjoy movies, dining out, bowling, music, dancing, baseball games, Nintendo, pets, art, barbecues, good conversation and more. No drugs, please. Reply BT Box AG16.

You And Me Against The World
GWF, 32, 135 lbs. 5'6" cute, funloving and adventurous. I would like to meet the woman of my dreams. A woman with soulful eyes full of expression, between the ages of 28-35, warm, affectionate, enjoys intimacy and is looking for a lasting monogamous relationship. Butch to adrogynous to complement my more feminine, yet sporty side. Medium build, at least 5'4" and loves life and lovemaking. Honesty is very important and trust is the foundation that is necessary to create a stable, healthy bond between two people who respect themselves as well as others. I like hiking, movies, walks along the beach, strolling arm in arm through the Castro and just plain being together. Do you agree and are you looking for the same? Then let's talk and meet. You can count on me to stay...call ★★3076.

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Fat And Sassy

I'm femme of center, 43, fat/fit, and looking for new friends, possible lover. We enjoy classical music, dancing, travel and great talk. Leos and butch of center women especially welcome. Please be a nonsmoker and value honesty, monogamy and sexual exploration! Teach me to 2-step! Not into heavy drinkers or fat-phobics. Let's talk and see where we go from here! Call ★★3077.

East Bay Only

Wanted: new lesbian friends and one permanent partner. Me: smart, sensitive woman of depth, late 30s, 5'11", 165 lbs., dark hair and eyes, pretty femme, I feel my feelings, meet my needs, like myself and my life, value honesty, integrity, clear communication. Interests: walks, short bike rides, movies, music, new restaurants, fun, life. You: Aware, like to process, some of the above. Want to talk? Call me! ★★3078.

San Francisco Women

I'm youthful 50s & looking for a deep, involved, sharing, caring committed relationship. I'm 53 (but feel 15 years younger) with red hair, hazel eyes, and a to-die-for body. I'm loyal, nurturing, emotionally open, very intense. I can be playful, out-going, fun-loving, and outrageous! I like dancing, hiking, the beach, movies, working out and romance. I'm ready for a positive, loving relationship with a woman who does not fear intimacy. I'm into "youthing," not aging; I need an electric, vital counterpart. Call ★★3079.

I'm Finally Ready

"...You've been in Al-Anon awhile now, I'm sure you've picked up some pointers about relationships along the way..." It's from the musical at Living Sober. And yes I have. I finally feel I have something to bring to a relationship. So even though my little kid (inside) is terrified that I'm doing this, I am officially putting out to the universe (at least the part that reads the personals) that I am looking for a relationship and/or intimate friendship(s). You: 25-35, cat-lover, no allergies. Please include phone #. Reply BT Box AG17 or call ★★3080.

New Experiences...

Of the magical childlike wonderment of a relationship with another woman. Me: Blonde hair, blue eyes, soft large butch, 36, financially stable, enjoys most types of music: country, new age, reggae, outdoors: hot tubs/springs, camping, A's games, mountains, adore children (though I have none of my own), at times quiet and shy, movies, non-smoking, Aires, committed to my personal growth and development, with impeccable integrity, self-respect and honesty. You: Similiar to me however very individual, you are committed to sharing, loving and enjoying life each day. Reply BT Box AG18.

Living Sober Blues

Have you got them too? Now, after 3½ years of Al-Anon and being in the musical I feel I've finally got enough recovery to start dating again, and maybe (God forbid) even a relationship. I am a "wannabe" butch, androgynous lesbian who loves cats, recovery, drives along the coast, affection, and just spending time with someone I care about. Will your inner child take a risk and come out to play with mine? You are: 25-35 and Catholic tolerant. Please include phone #. Reply BT Box AG19 or call ★★3081.

Cafe San Marcos

on the Friday before Gayday: you were standing near the dj, chatting with your friends and I was leaning against the mirrors at the top of the stairs. You were wearing an ankle length raincoat, hoop earrings, and a smallish black hat pushed back on your head. I too was wearing a raincoat, though only knee length, but had no hat to set me apart. Nonetheless, you noticed me and I saw you checking me out. Later on at the corner of Castro and Market I saw you again with your three friends, looking for a taxi. I was with a long haired woman and failed again to find who you were. So, you know who you are, your friends know who you are, let me know too so that next time we meet we won't be strangers. Reply BT Box AG20.

Switch

65% bottom, 35% top, 100% butch into domination/submission, role playing, fantasy games. I

Dykes To Watch Out For

ARMY OF LOVERS
108
THE PREMENSTRUAL TENSION HAS REACHED FEVER PITCH AT GINGER'S HOUSE!
LOIS, I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'VE GOTTEN INVOLVED WITH ONE OF MY STUDENTS!
WILL YOU RELAX, GINGER? HOW WAS I SUPPOSED TO KNOW SHE WAS YOUR STUDENT? ANYWAY, YOSHI AND I AREN'T "INVOLVED." WE'RE JUST FUCK BUDDIES.
EXCUSE ME? IT SOUNDED LIKE YOU JUST SAID 'FUCK BUDDIES.'
YEAH. YOU KNOW. WE JUST MESS AROUND. NO STRINGS ATTACHED.
LISTEN, LOIS. I HAVE BEEN VERY PATIENT ALL THESE YEARS WITH YOUR ENDLESS PARADE OF GIRLFRIENDS. STRANGERS IN THE BATHROOM, MOANS OF ECSTASY AT 2 A.M., ALL THE PHONE CALLS AND DRAMAS! BUT I HAVE REACHED MY LIMIT!
I UNDERSTAND, GINGER. I'D PROBABLY BE FEELING JEALOUS TOO IF I WASN'T GETTING ANY.
JEALOUS?! DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH, YOU... YOU...
SLUT?
'SEX ADDICT' IS A MORE ACCURATE TERM, I THINK.
WHO ASKED YOU?!
HEY, TEMPERS ARE RUNNING A LITTLE HIGH, GIRLS! I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT WANT ME TO MEDIATE!
THIS IS BETWEEN ME AND LOIS, SPARROW! AREN'T YOU LATE FOR A 12-STEP MEETING?
DON'T VENT YOUR RAGE AT ME! I CAN'T HELP IT IF YOU'RE SEXUALLY FRUSTRATED!
YOU'RE A FINE ONE TO TALK, SPARROW! WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU HAD SEX WITH ANYBODY BESIDES YOURSELF?
SO? AT LEAST I DO IT WITH SOMEONE I LOVE, YOU SLUT!
OH, THAT'S SO ROMANTIC! DO YOU CRY OUT YOUR OWN NAME TENDERLY?
MAYBE I DO NEED A GIRLFRIEND. THEN I COULD GO OVER AND STAY AT HER HOUSE!
LIFE FORCE
110
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AS THE AMERICAN EMPIRE CONTINUES ITS INEXORABLE DECLINE BEHIND A FACADE OF YELLOW-BERIBBONED DENIAL, OUR PATIENT HEROINES CONTINUE, IN THEIR OWN INEXORABLE WAY, TO NOURISH THE VITAL SPARK.
MO AND HARRIET ARE GETTING DOWN AND DIRTY.
ISN'T THIS GREAT, HARRIET? JOINING WITH OUR NEIGHBORS TO FIGHT CITY HALL AND CLAIM THIS VACANT LOT FOR THE PEOPLE!
COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT
COUNTERACTING THE FEAR AND ALIENATION OF URBAN LIFE AS WE COME TOGETHER IN ALL OUR GRAND CULTURAL DIVERSITY TO TILL THE SOIL!
WORKING IN HARMONY WITH NATURE! RENEWING, IN OUR SMALL WAY, THE PLANET'S DAMAGED ECO-SYSTEMS! LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY!
I'M GONNA PUT THE PEAS HERE. COULD YOU PICK THE ROCKS OUT?
JEEZ, HARRIET! I CAN'T STAND GETTING DIRT UNDER MY FINGERNAILS. DO WE HAVE ANY GLOVES?
COMMU GARDI PROJE
GINGER IS GIDDY WITH NEWAGENDAS.
NO, I WAS JUST VISITING ATLANTA FOR THE NATIONAL LESBIAN CONFERENCE.
OH. HOW NICE.
'NICE' IS NOT THE WORD I'D CHOOSE. GLORIOUS CHAOS IS MORE LIKE IT. CAN YOU IMAGINE 3,000 LESBIANS FROM NEARLY EVERY WAY OF LIFE HOLDING PLENARY SESSIONS IN THE CIVIC CENTER WHILE MERCURY IS IN RETROGRADE?
UM... NO, FRANKLY, I CAN'T.
IT WAS SOMETHING ELSE! OF COURSE, THE NETWORKING WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART.
Malika Barlowe call me
STORYTELLING VIDEOGRAPHY HAIR BRAIDING SMALL CRIME REPAIR
TONI AND CLARICE ARE STARTING FROM SCRATCH!
C'MON, HONEY, WAKE UP! IT'S TIME TO TAKE MY TEMPERATURE! IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE DO THIS TOGETHER!
HUH? OH, RIGHT. OKAY, WHAT DO I DO?
YOU WRITE IT DOWN ON THIS CHART WHEN I'M DONE.
OKAY. ZNNNK!
CLAR-EECE!
FAMOUS LAST WORDS
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111
GINGER HAS CONFESSED TO INDULGING IN FLIRTATIOUS BEHAVIOR AT THE NATIONAL LESBIAN CONFERENCE.
OH, WOW. LET ME GET THIS RIGHT. YOU SPENT A WHOLE WEEKEND TOGETHER AND DIDN'T EVEN HAVE SEX?
LOIS, WE WERE BUSY! THERE WAS RACISM TO CONFRONT! BATTLES TO JOIN! STAGES TO STORM! AND ANYHOW, WE ONLY JUST MET
GINGER, DID YOU EVER HEAR THE PHRASE "CARPE DIEM?" WHAT IF SHE GOES HOME AND FALLS FOR SOMEONE ELSE OR GOES STRAIGHT OR WANDERS OFF TO FOLLOW HER GURU?
WHAT IS WITH YOU TWO? LOOK. I MET A WOMAN AT A CONFERENCE, SHE WAS ATTRACTIVE, WE HAD SOME GREAT CONVERSATION, WE BOTH FLEW BACK TO OUR RESPECTIVE HOMES WHICH ARE 2,000 MILES APART, THE END.
SLURP LAP LAP
HAS SHE DONE THERAPY?
WHAT'S SHE LOOK LIKE?
DID YOU GET HER RELATIONSHIP HISTORY?
HOW BUTCH IS SHE?
IS SHE EMOTIONALLY AVAILABLE?
DID YOU SWIM NAKED TOGETHER IN THE HOTEL POOL?
IT DOESN'T MATTER BECAUSE NOTHING IS GOING TO HAPPEN.
BLACK/OUT
DID I EVER TELL YOU ABOUT JASMINE? I MET HER AT A MEDITATION RETREAT WHERE NO ONE WAS ALLOWED TO TALK. AT THE END OF THE WEEK SHE GAVE ME HER ADDRESS AND WE EXCHANGED REAMS OF COSMIC LETTERS AND EROTIC POEMS. SO ROMANTIC!
I MET A WOMAN AT AN ANTI-RACISM CONFERENCE ONCE... WE HAD PHONE SEX LIKE YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE FOR MONTHS AFTER, TILL HER BOSS FOUND OUT SHE WAS USING THE WATS-LINE.
WELL THAT'S ALL VERY TOUCHING, BUT I DON'T WRITE POETRY AND I PREFER TO HAVE SEX IN PERSON.
IT'D BE CRAZY! PHONE BILLS! PLANE TICKETS! TORMENT AND LONGING! UN-UNH. THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO WAY I AM GETTING INVOLVED IN A LONG-DISTANCE RELATIONSHIP. EVEN SUPPOSING MALIKA WAS INTERESTED.
DING DONG!
BOW OW OW OW OW!
SCRABBLE KLEE KLEE
A GINGER JONES LIVE HERE, SONNY?
YES, SHE DOES. THANK YOU KINDLY, MA'M!
ARF! SNARRL
ROSES? FOR ME?
ARE YOU SURE YOU DIDN'T HAVE SEX WITH HER?
URF!

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prefer and offer a balance of cruel dscipline with gentle affection. I'm from the old school of friendly S/M. I need to like you and feel you like me in order to play. I enjoy being seduced into submission but once I'm there you can do what ever you want with me. I also can and will take control, not forgetting that the power and trust you give me is a gift for our mutual pleasure. Please, no posers, rude babes or bummer junkies. Call ★★3082.

Born-Again Virgin Seeks Fallen Saint
Warm, cynical, independent, kind, curious, quirky, thirty-something, movie-going, music-loving, meat-eating, self-deprecating academic living in SF wants to meet anyone who truly appreciates some or all of these qaulities. Call ★★3083.

Where Are You?
Smart, attractive, open minded, professional, independent, sane 30+ lesbian with a good sense of humor desired for an affair/relationship with me—a small, adorable, quick, funny, sensitive, kind, irreverent closet domestic. I'm shy but progress to snide in a moment's notice. Meet me for Just Desserts Chocolate Fudge Cake or Peet's coffee on Solano...or I'll come to you. No smokers/drugs. Photo appreciated, will return. Reply BT Box AG21 or call ★★3084.

Friendship
Let's start there. I like to golf, tennis, read, dogs, nature, etc. I'm sensitive & fiercely loyal to friends that are real friends. I like women who like to be women. I'm 32, 5'7" 130 lbs., sober (you're not if you don't want to), financially and emotionally stable. Good career. I live in the Central Valley, but that's no problem. Now, I wrote this, I dare you to respond. Reply BT Box AG22.

GWF Seeks Lesbian Lover
Between 35-50 who is physically androgynous to feminine for a monogamous relationship. Let's start by building a relationship based upon common interests and shared values. Some of my interests are the outdoors, films, food and country western dancing. We are not overweight or co-dependent. We are attractive, intelligent, honest, independent, caring and communicative. Prefer San Jose—Mid-Peninsula area. Letter preferred! Reply BT Box AG23 or call ★★3085.

Woman of Distinction
41 year old Jewish writer/educator, feminine, beautiful, stylish, intellectual, with passionate interests in books, ballet and the Baroque, seeks to meet non-smoking, trim woman with depth, character and passions of her own. 30+. Thoughtful replies and photos answered in kind. Reply BT Box AG24 or call ★★3086.

The Fusion of Eastern & Western
Lesbian of non-European ancestry would like to meet other lesbians with an interest in Eastern Mysticism, Zen painting and other expressions, the post-impressionists, art around and after WWII, macrobiotics and alternative healing, the harmonious community. Reply BT Box AG25.

Forget Beachwalks
Take me on a wild ride, pressed hard against you, fingers squeezing your leather-clad shoulders. Or, kidnap me down backroads in your pickup—there to contemplate your cowboy boots and various bulges in our 501's. Let's explore the imaginative—and mutual appreciation of the visual—over expresso and cheese cake. Assault me with deep-voiced communiques in back corner booths, be assured of lively repartee, before I yield to your superior opinions. Curvacious, fit, beautiful, seeks, strong, warmhearted, literate, construction worker between the sheets and fineese on the way. Reply BT Box AG26 or call ★★3087.

Wicked Foods
Sweat-drenched workouts, rock 'n' roll, old movies, mysteries (an' Scifi), playing, dancing all night, late afternoon light, big shoulders, competent hands, room service, shameless flirting, animals, the wind in my hair. "Boyfriend" wanted who cuts swath in jeans and suitpants alike by beautiful woman with sexy, muscular legs and long curly hair to squire, pamper and throw me around. Also compatriots for talking endlessly, (femme bonding?) trading clothes, learning hanggliding, and knocking 'em dead Saturday night. Let's collect adventures for our old age. Reply BT Box AG27 or call ★★3088.

Gilda Is Dead, But I'm Not!
23 yr. old manic, artistic, focused, sensually-obsessed, demented, blatant, funny, roof-roosting, red-carpet Venom-snatch seeks same. Autonomy, irony, blasphemy. Let's do our own thing next to each other. Babylonians esp. welcome. No Boyfriends or S/M. Reply BT Box AG28 or call ★★3089.

Wildthing Buhoney
I knew from the first page of Velveteen Rabbit that you were special. Thanks for enduring all those five a.m.'s. I love you and I'll miss you, but you know that already. Take care of Bunny. I promise to call when the fish drag the garbage across the kitchen. Smile at full moons and think of me. Umm...I'll race you to the car. Love, Little Tiny.

Good Friend
Jewish woman in mid-40s who values friendship, kindness & openmindedness seeks friends and possible lifetime companion. I love many things; have many interests but open to new ones. I am androgynous femme, attractive, professional with artistic and environmental goals. I seek friendly, supportive woman, androgynous or femme who wants to share life's pleasures and have fun. Reply BT Box AG29 or call ★★3090.

Wanted: Smart, Sexy, Strong Woman
Looking for romance, fun, and depth with an intelligent, good-looking, sensual woman. I'm attracted to bright, self-assured women who feel deeply and can say what they want and need. I'm a non-smoking professional in my forties—attractive, somewhat femme of center, blond, plump, loving and strong. I value psychological sophistication, generosity, warmth and playfulness. Things we might enjoy toghether include music, film, dancing, theater, tennis, dining out, getting away and sex. I prefer you live in SF. Reply BT Box AG30 or call ★★3091.

Sparks Of The Heart
Mid-thirties, tall, lusty big-boned mystic is ready for love. I'm an open-hearted, skilled communicator who loves deep talks under the stars. Mystical poetry, nature, and social change work are also near and dear to my heart. There is no formula for the woman I seek, except: compatibility and that precious, unexplainable chemistry of body and soul. Could this be you? Reply BT Box AG31 or call ★★3092.

Sex Toy, Part II
...and, lots of giggles, as we fall asleep in each others arms. I'm sweet, Jewish, short, femme-androgynous, with lots of sexy undies. I'm not a lookist of any kind, and am not into you if you are. I'm HIV- and Herpes- I'm very kinky, but would like you to help me to be more so. I'm also into pain. I'm so hungry for you, Mistress, Daddy, Master, Mommy, Goddess. I'm ready to serve you now. Call me! Please. Call ★★3093.

I Don't Care
If you're slim, fit or financially stable. I would like you to be femme, emotionally available, 35+, honest, adventuresome, playful, somewhat kinky, committed to self growth, able and willing to communicate, have a sense of humor, a zest for life, and time to satisfy your sexual hunger for a very hot handsome but gentle butch with all the above qualities. Extra points if you live in the E. Bay. Call and give me some good phone. Call ★★3094.

Relax In My Arms
Spirited, sensuous shamaness seeks fun-loving, artistic lover. I am a late-30s single mom with a beautiful bicultural baby. My lifework encompasses feminist spirituality and social justice work. I'm looking for a companion to share philosophical talks, long nature walks, and sweet passion. If this ad strikes a spark, call ★★3095.

Save The Tyger, Tyger
Old soul (chronologically 45) seeks kindred sensibility. If you're over 40, 'got' why Jack Lemmor and the girlslut hitchhiker didn't work, understand/read Blake, enjoy NYC, eschew fun-in-the-sun, can't name any 'popular' recording artists, prefer conversation to activity, then let's meet! Looking for those who believe in the power of intimacy. call ★★3096.

Sports Nut Seeks
Lively, sensious, ambitious and sensitive companion who likes to cuddle. Must enjoy outdooor activities. I am an obsessive baseball card collector who wants to share hobby, friendship or whatever else. Honest, flexible, open-minded and very romantic. Other interests include music and theatre. Would like to date companion with similiar interests—Let's get together for summertime adventure. Respond to PO Box 420233, SF 94142-0233 or call ★★3097.

Call To Arms
Now is the time for all good women to answer this ad—if you have been looking for companions, etcetera, who value intellectual as well as physical fitness, who are curious and compassionate, loyal, yet non-merging. And even if you think physical culture a contradiction in terms, let's meet if you have the Wednesday ballet or the Tuesday opera series. Reply BT Box AG32 or call ★★3133.

Trying To Make A Baby, Not Marry One...
but I'd love my family to include a partner. Mid 30s, socially and physically active career/family oriented kind of gal looking to meet women interested in having children in their lives. Me? I subscribe to both the work ethic and the pleasure principal. And of course communication is important...I'm Jewish, what'r ya nuts?!? If you're interested in partnering, befriending, adoptive grandmothering, or just meeting the above mentioned single lovely lesbian, don't hesitate to tell me about yourself. Single moms or wannabes welcome. No smokers please. (I'm not pregnant yet...so wish me luck!) Reply BT Box AG33.

70 Words
that could enrich our lives? I'm a good woman in search of another, ready for an equal partner to meet life's challenges. I understand limits and boundaries. My feet are grounded in the physical world, arms longing to hold, hands unafraid of work, mind able to accept the unexplainable. I believe in compassion, dependability, trust, honesty and the ability to laugh at life, but know it's serious business. Call ★★3099.

40+ SF Woman
Quiet, quirky, funny, perceptive, shy. I like dancing, sex, non-strenuous walking, contemporary novels, movies, plays, music, comedy. I really want a relationship. I hope you live in SF, are warm and friendly, able to initiate, ready to get involved. No more coffee dates please, let's make a date to do something we can share and talk about. I smoke, am allergic to cats—but let's not set up barriers before we even get started. How about it—want to go out? Call ★★3100.

I Don't Have A Leather Jacket
or a weird haircut, or strange friends. I wear lipstick, paint my nails, and shave my legs. I'm 31, short, and busty. I want a discreet older woman (gray hair a plus) of any race for hot, sweaty, safe sex (toys OK). We can discuss friendship, commitment, attachments, and love after the sheets cool down. I'm a good girl, clean, smart, stable and polite, but I'm tired of watching the bad girls have all the fun. No macho wannabes, novices, activists, smokers, druggies, or heavy drinkers. Reply BT Box AG34 or call ★★3101.

You don't have to be a sexy nice bitch or anything like that. Important part is willingness to put up with, or better yet, interest in Japanese culture. I'm 44, Japanese and would like to meet new friends. Doesn't matter so much what you like to talk about as long as you are down to earth, have integrity and know the truth. Reply BT Box AG35 or call ★★3102.

Search Team
Professional, feminine, black/white couple (monogamous) ages 41, 44 with diversified interests seeking meaningful friendships with vibrant, feminine couples/singles, 30-50 yrs. Reply BT Box AG36..

Around the Way Girl Wanted
Me: Mid twenties, woman of color, weird sense of humor, down to earth, romantic at heart, kind hearted, likes: video/computer games, movies, bowling, camping, girl watching, no crazies, druggies or bar hoppers, must have good morals and be open-minded. Call me and tell me your likes and dislikes. If you write please enclose phone number. Take a chance ladies, I might be what you're looking for. Peace to all. Reply BT Box AG37 or call ★★3103.

A Woman Of Substance
Multi-faceted, creative—late 40s with an eye toward stimulating companionship, fun and... who knows? I'm educated, a professional and enjoy the finer things in life through an artist's eyes. I've been told I'm attractive, sensual, and sensitive. I'm looking forward to meeting an intelligent, kind, individual (over 35) who enjoys literature, carousels, county fairs, animals, movies, plays and the beach. Nonsmoker—nonaddictive. Reply BT Box AG38 or call ★★3104.

Wanna Date?
SWGL (Short, White, Goy Lesbian) seeks same or entirely different lesbian, to date. My interests include picniking in rock quarries, mudwrestling, dancing to Turkish accordian music, hiking in large metropolitan areas and eating fruit-juice-sweetened, nonfat neopolitan ice cream. Not afraid of the "C" words: committment, calories and costume jewelry. Does this sound like you? If your interests are adjacent to mine, just give me a jingle-jangle. Call ★★3105.

Girl Into Jockstraps And Urinals
Me: GAF 23, 5'3", 110 lbs. financial district straight looking. I wear jockstraps when jogging and working out and love to see the reactions in the locker room! I protect my sex thing with a cup when I play baseball, too. I frequent DV8 and Townsend and piss in the men's urinals to watch them freak out. You: Under 40, firm body, any race with similar interests. Serious responses only—No men or curiosity seekers. Send letter and picture of yourself, preferably in a jock or using a urinal to show you're serious, or if you want to learn to use a urinal, reply PO Box 170361, SF 94117.

Sweep Me Off My Feet
You are handsome, funny & butch—passionate, exciting & romantic. I am a sensual fem—playful, fun with a good sense of humor. We are both in recovery and mean it!! Great communication, committed to growth. Looking for a meaningful and lasting relationship. Call ★★3106.

Between My Full Lips
is where you'll find my gap-toothed smile. For best view, meet me at a Jazz concert (trio to Big Band), Dance Club, Max's Diner, anywhere outdoors or by my fireplace. Professional, complete w/east-coast accent, would like to meet adventuresome, self-aware, sexy women, ages 25-42, to share a few moments of this life with—wherever that may lead. Call ★★3107.

I Like Women!
I am a generous, gentle & deeply loving eclectic woman seeking a lesbian companion. I possess a sparkling (and sometimes bawdy) sense of humor. I cherish children, animals and adventure. My friends say I am quite delightful & have a terrific zest for life. I am 53, zoftig, 5'8", muscular, vital, clean & sober in all aspects of life. The love I trust will return to me is someone who is flexible, open-minded, sweet & spicy (in humor & disposition), joyous, adventurous, playful & deeply loving, honest & compassionate. I eagerly await your reply. Call ★★3108.

I Am Obsessed With Older Women
But, I don't know where to find them. All I want is a (grey haired?) goddess to pamper and please. I am not seeking a sugar mommy or experience. I just want and need the kind of woman I always look for but know I will never find in a bar. I am 31, and very discreet. Call or write for details, dislikes, requirements and predilections. Call ★★3109.

Double Or Nothing
Lesbian and gay male seek same: him for him and her for her. Ensure that you're in excellent company on that potentially awkward first date—bring your favorite homosexual of the opposite sex. One of you is bound to fall in love; at least you'll have a good laugh. We are 1 lesbian (31) and 1 gay man (33): fetching (if flawed), flip and formidable, committed, intriguing, flexible, adorable and worth it. You are: lesbian (she), gay man (he), unattached (both) and at least 2 of the following: favored with natural or acquired intelligence/charm, wildly amusing, unforgivably gorgeous, embarrassingly rich. Reply BT Box AG39.

Tired Of Being Single, Not Willing To Rush
Not very skilled in dating, varied interests—woodworking, reading, sightseeing mother nature, home repair, music, gardening, chess. Listening to and helping friends and life's lessons, sometimes ignoring the latter! Bicycling, baseball, ethnic foods, good coffee. Want to go to Maui, womans music festival? My home's in Oakland, your's nearby? 5'6", 130 lbs., blond, green eyes, 40 yrs. alive. No casual sex or games. Call ★★3110.

I'm Ready, Are You?
I'm ready, are you? I'm ready to find a womin who wants to take the time to create a loving and sharing relationship. I'm not thinking about short-term, but a real commitment. Are you ready? Reply BT Box AG40 or call ★★3111.

I Work Hard, Play Hard, Love Hard And Laugh Hard
I lead a physically active life and am looking for a spontaneous partner to share it with. You must be willing to participate in pillow fights, tickle bouts, giggle fits and heavy petting. Warning! all can occur simultaneously. I am a fun-loving person with a caustic wit, a warped sense of humor and a genuine and contagious laugh. I thrive on touch and affection, and I insist upon emotional intimacy. I am quick to laugh and quick to cry and have often been known to smile through my tears. I have an abundance of romance, passion and love awaiting the right person. Reply BT Box AG41 or call ★★3112.

I'd Make Someone A Great Wife
Companion and lover. Do you like to talk for hours, exist at the beach, cuddle and ride bicycles for miles? Does homelife and lovelife with a serious and not so serious short blond sound appealing? I enjoy country dancing, singing jazz, opera and reading. Ideally, I'd love my friend and lover to be healthy and happy. Non-smoker, soft butch and East Bayish preferred. Reply BT Box AG42 or call ★★3113.

I Can't Sing
But I want to dance, laugh, love and be happy. I want to make love, make you smile, rub your back, go out and have some fun; come on, rescue me from work and TV! Who am I? See 40+ SF woman. Call ★★3114.

Summer's Not Over
Still time for a romantic adventure. I love camping, being outdoors, rowing, sailing, concerts, movies, theater, long slow kisses, walks on the beach—excitement, spontaneity & fun! I am an artist, a teacher, a lover of life & other women. I am fem & really love butches. I am in 12-step and you are too! You are ready to commit and you know how to have fun! Call ★★3115.

Is There Harmony Between Us?
Creative, fun-loving SF GWF, 35, with quick wit and outrageous sense of humor, wants to connect with active women with a zest for life and appreciation for simpler things: laughter, outdoors, sports, affection to name just a few. Friends first, maybe more later? I like golf, softball, workouts, swimming, bowling, track (discus); photography, cooking, motorcycling, travel; also have strong hands, love to give/receive massage. P.S.: I'm a singer/songwriter, wanting to collaborate with other music-minded women for original rock/dance/ballad work; strong lyric/vocal abilities searching for musicians with creative energy. Musicianship not necessary for response, but fun sense of humor is. Who knows, maybe we can strike the right note together! Reply BT Box AG43 or call ★★3116.

Seduce Me
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Someone who enjoys the finer things in life: theatre, dining, or spending the day together in bed. I am an attractive woman in her early thirties with dark hair, dark eyes and an olive complexion. I have a medium build, great sense of humor and am 5'5". I'm looking for an attractive woman in her thirties, at least 5'6", who, like me, knows how to carry herself or let loose when appropriate. You should be energetic and fun loving. I am career oriented and hope you are too. Let's get together and see what happens. Reply BT Box AG44 or call ★★3118.

The Greatest Aphrodisiac Is The Mind
If it is embodied in a tall, trim body of an intellectual, liberal, nature/animal loving woman of 55-65 who is creative, caring, unafraid of intimacy and who has learned to appreciate honesty and integrity. I'd love to experience it. Let's talk & explore & make it an adventure. Reply BT Box AG45 or call ★★3119.

41, And Lots Of Fun
—this entrepreneur's not for everyone! I'm emotionally mature, but don't look or act my age. My specs: I'm lite, not intense; average ht/wt; blonde, outdoorsy (dress like a dykey L.L. Bean ad); kinky sense of humor, sharp on the uptake, very honest, adventurous, sex-positive, Aquarius, numerology #8, a law unto myself. My preferences: a woman who's taken care of her body and mind, with some similar traits; androgyne or middle of the road, rather than butch/fem. Flat-chested lesbians, especially tall ones, encouraged to respond. Box 117045, Burlingame 94011 or call ★★3120.

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For someone to share my passion. Passions include: touching, sunshine, travel, biking, intimate sharing, the outdoors, art, my dog, current events, & politics. I am 34, have olive skin, big dark brown eyes, and am slightly femme of center. Looking for someone with a great smile and shining eyes. No smokers or heavy drinkers. East Bay women encouraged to reply. Reply BT Box AG46 or call ★★3123.

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and soul, 35, non-smoker. Attractive, alive, playful expressive, ready to meet woman who knows & likes herself. Who enjoys travel as well as home and friends, who believes that the possibilities in life are endless. Reply Boxholder, 1579 Farmers Lane, #225, Santa Rosa 95405.

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Wanted emotionally available femme by an adorably available butch. I can go the long haul, stick in there all night. I'll love you by candle or by the deepest moonlite. I'm just 40 turned over an got 5 clean and sober. I'm strong inside and out, but soft to the touch without a doubt. So, if your willing and able to give me a call or drop me a cable. Reply BT Box AG49 or call ★★3127.

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Kind, sensitive butch, seeks warm loving femme, for friendship, leading to possible long term monogamous relationship. I enjoy quiet nights at home, movies, good food, baseball, long talks, nature, art, cats, flowers, the ocean, mountains and last but not least, I adore feminine women. No smokers, drugs, light alcohol OK. Reply BT Box AG50 or call ★★3128.

Does This Fit?
Attractive, independent-minded, highly educated, professional GWF seeks GWF, 30s—early 50s for fun, friendship, and possibly more. I'm not afraid of commitment or feelings, have a wide range of interests, am witty and sophisticated, yet definitely grounded. I'm also rather butch but don't always look it, am not PC, and am attracted to sensual women. You are probably professional, attractive and bright, womanly, not skinny, and definitely not boring. Does this fit? Reply Boxholder, PO Box 280143, SF 94128-0143 or call ★★3129.

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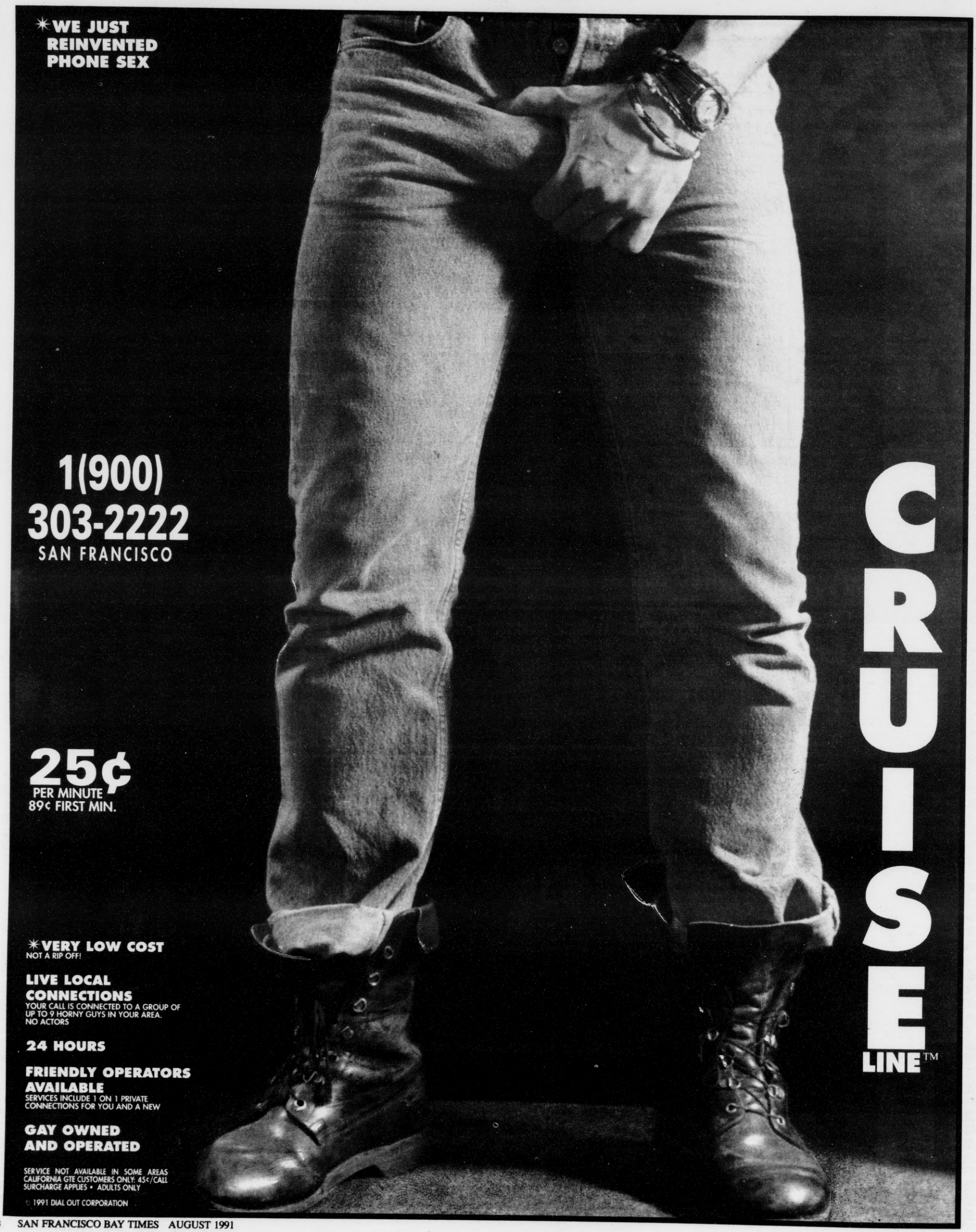
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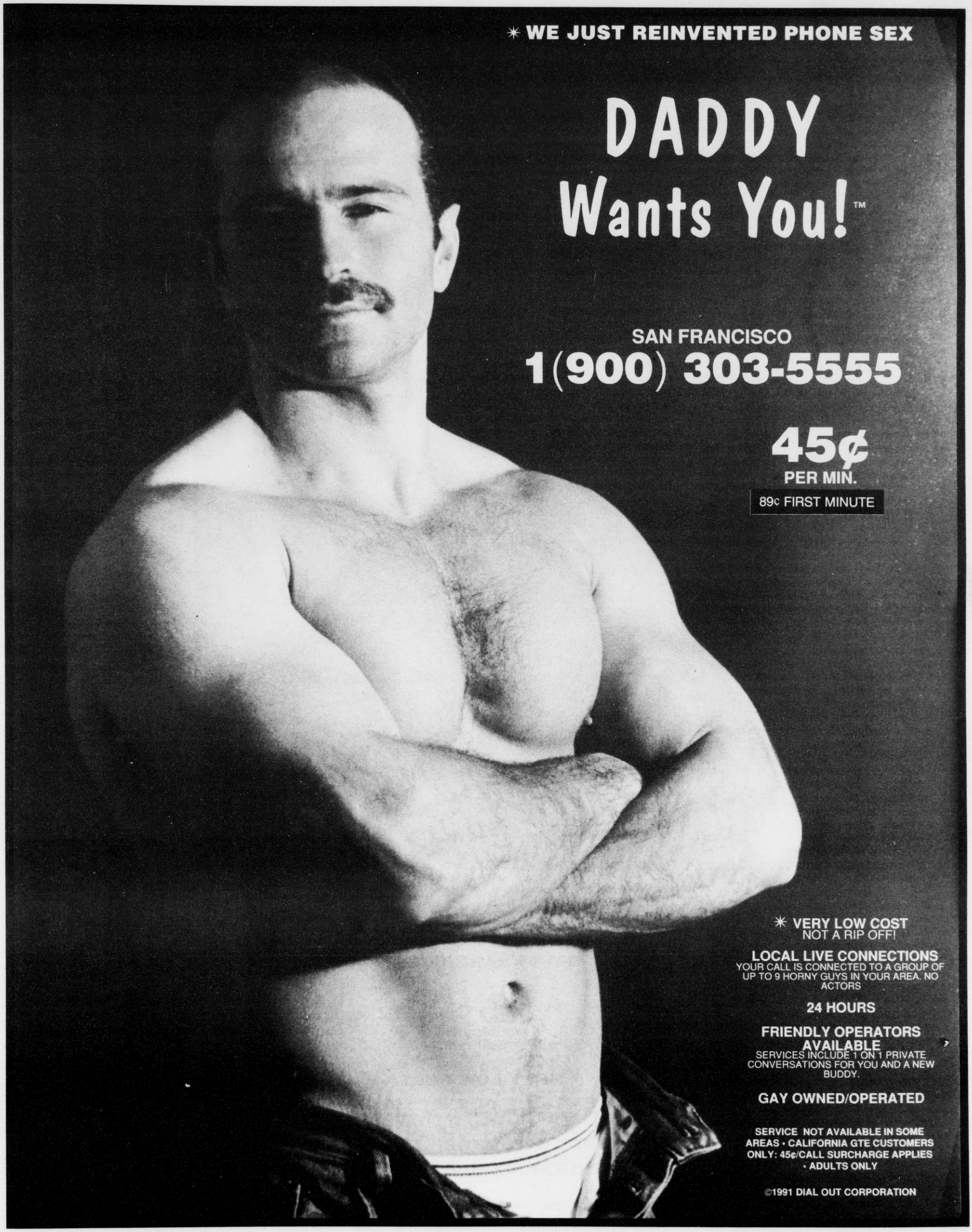
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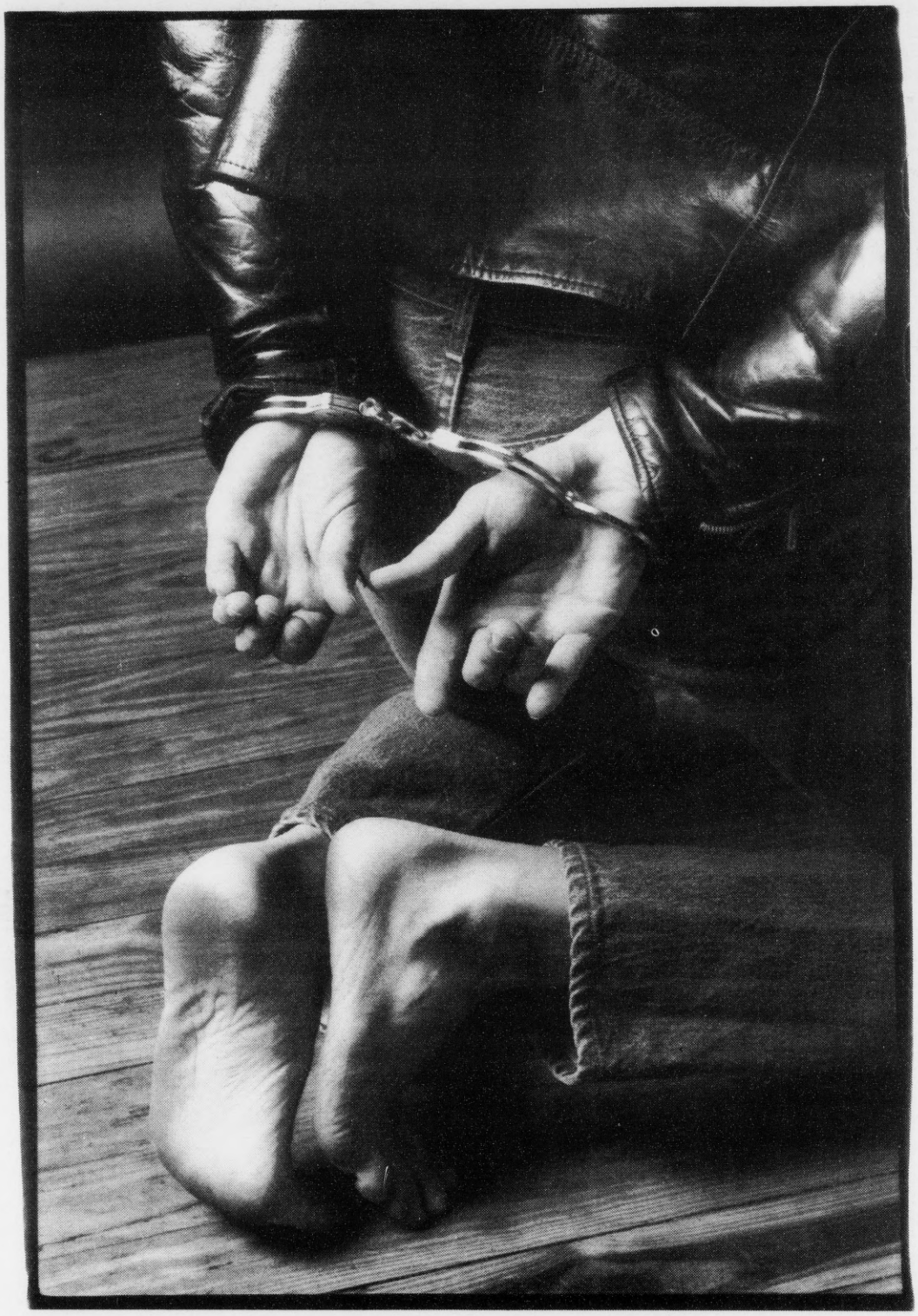

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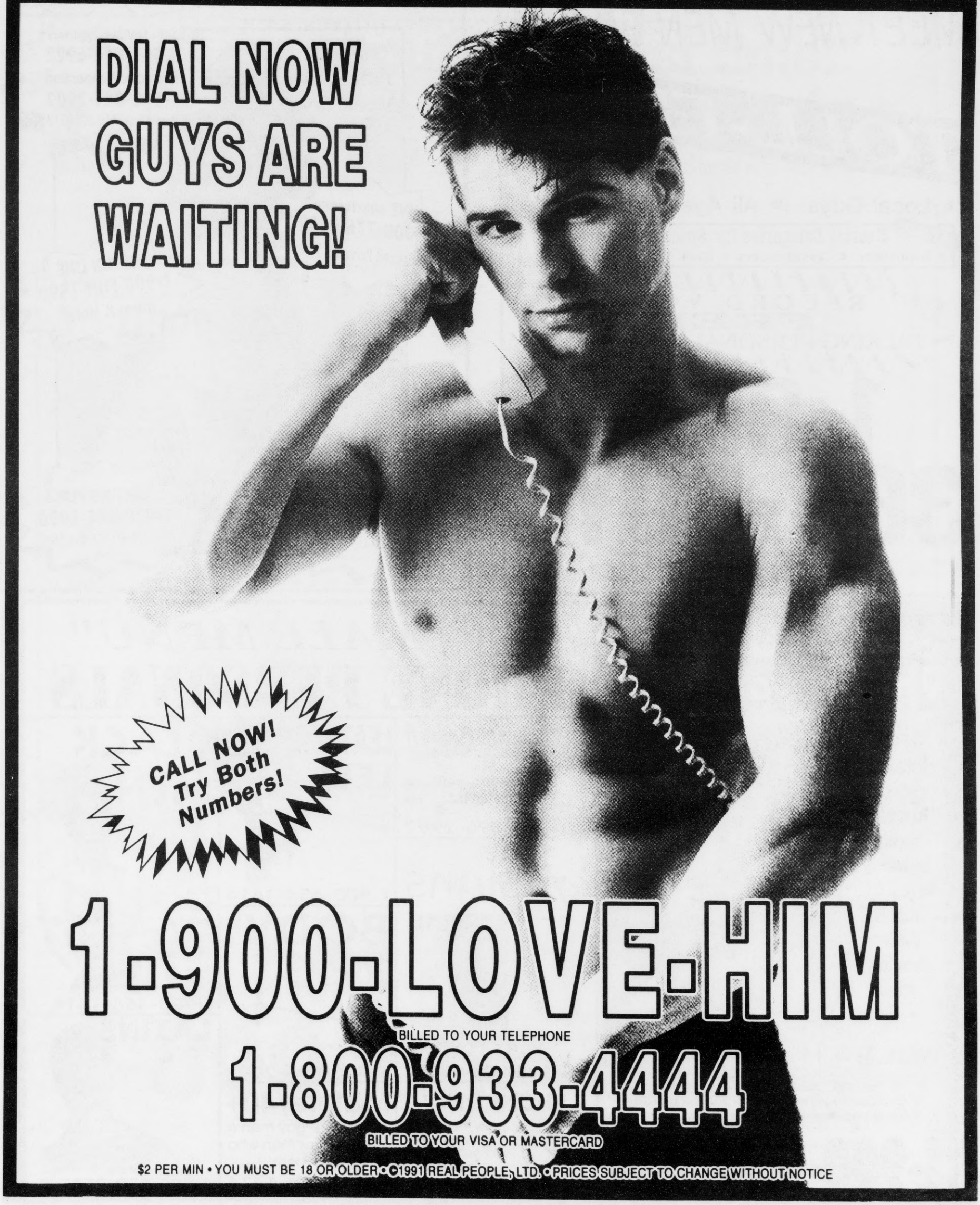

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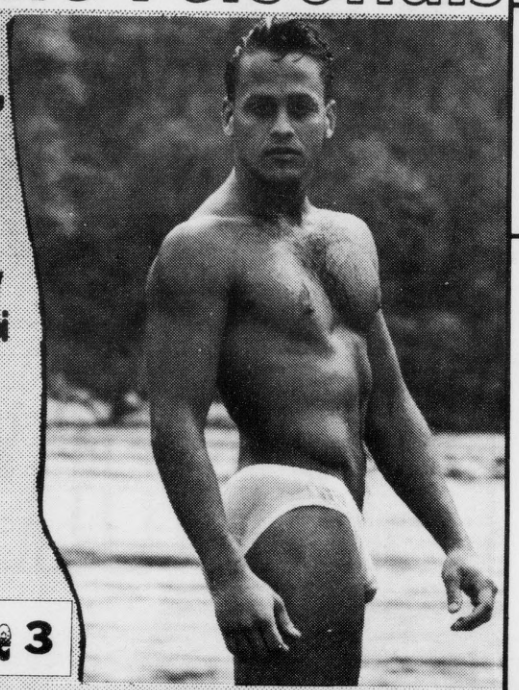

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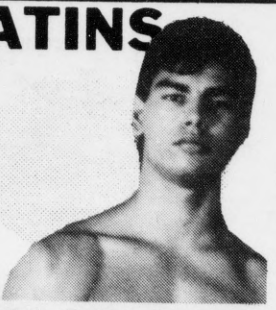

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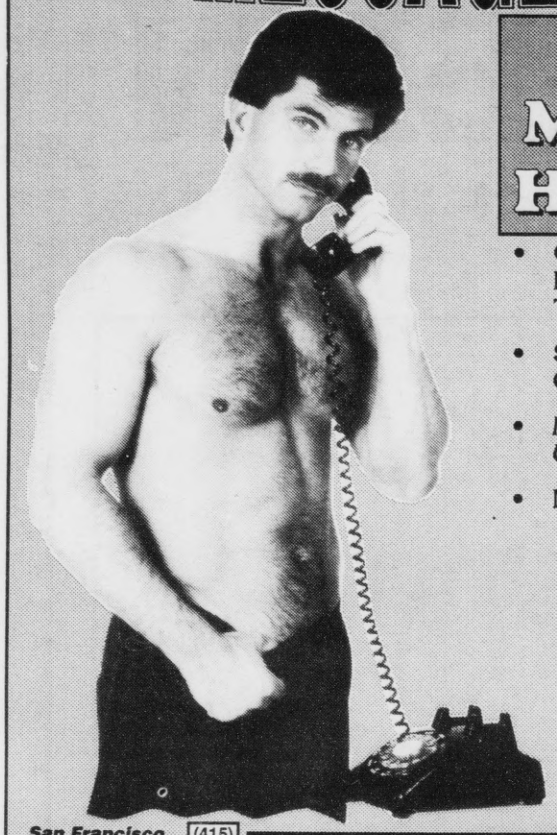

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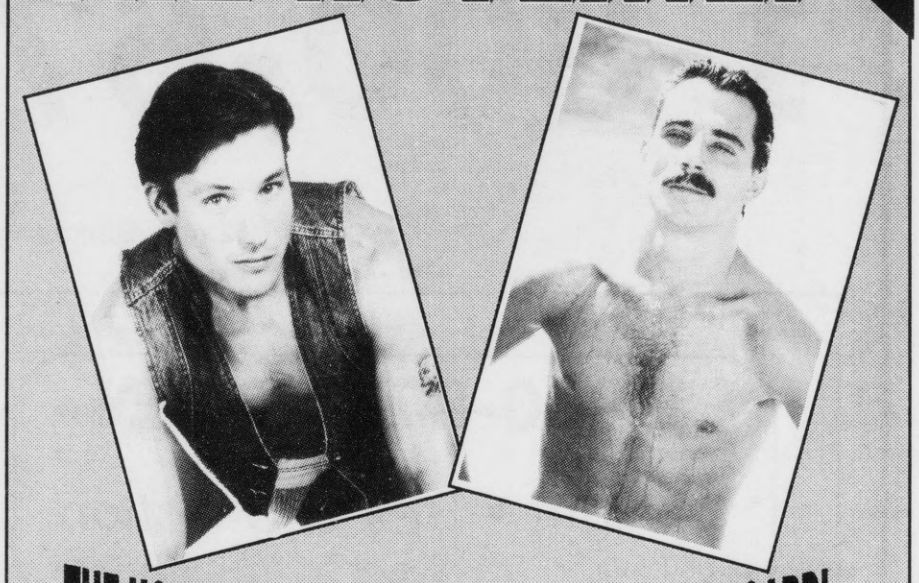

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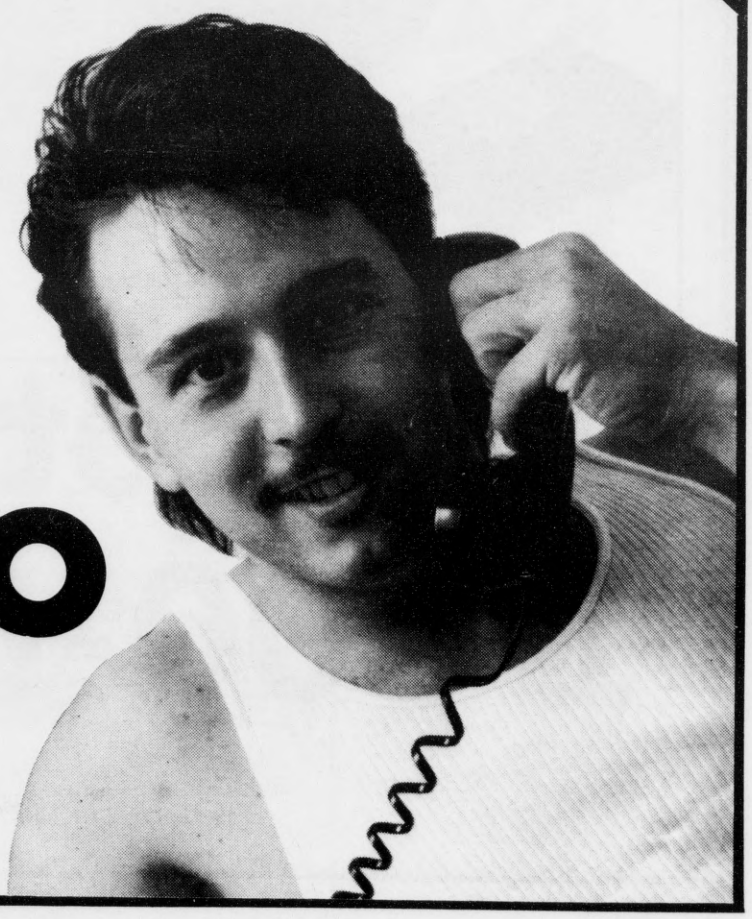

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Discreet, serious, attractive, GWM professional, mid 40's, 6'2", 198 lbs, in shape, seeks younger, attractive, masculine Japanese friend for Japanese conversation (still learning) and whatever else develops. My interests range from cultural to the natural world. How about yours? Detailed letter to Boxholder, PO Box 5842, Berkeley 94705.

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Sincere W/M, young for 41, 6'2", trim, cleanshaven, HIV negative, nice smooth buns, seeks older, kind but strict stepdad, uncle, coach or priest with firm hand, maybe strap. Not seeking overt sexual interaction. Prefer warmhearted, maybe spiritual guy who can offer guidance and positive discipline in the context of traditional corporal punishment. Other interests include swimming, massage, eating out, meditation. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 14794, SF 94114.

Bear Seeks Bear/Bear Seeks Bear

Appreciative, hairy, husky, gentle and strong man seeks same or similar for friendship and lovmaking, sharing. Appreciative, hairy, husky, gentle and strong man seeks same or similar for friendship and lovemaking, sharing. Do respond to Bear, 584 Castro St., #247, SF 94114 or call ★★3176.

Japanese Seeking One Special Guy

Handsome, intelligent, professional, 34, 5'6", 140 lbs, HIV–, caring and loving GJM seeks mature, cultured, sincere, honest, GWM 37 – 55 for friendship first, and possibily for relationship. My interests include traveling, opera, foreign films, cities and countrysides, garden, photography. Ten years warranty of making your dream come true and your life complete. Novice R.Q. welcomed, with optional photo (returned). Reply BT Box AG73 or call ★★3177.

If You're Black. . .

age 20-50, dark, hung eight inches or more, and like to screw masculine, young, fit, handsome, blue-eyed white men, please contact ★★ 3178.

I'm Tall, Slender and Affectionate

You are a handsome, masculine man with an average to husky build, 25-39. We both enjoy hiking, weekend trips, intimacy and are open to a monogamous relationship. We are also HIV neg., nonsmokers and light drinkers. Sounds good? Then this somewhat shy, 31-year-old GWM who is 6'2", 170 with light brown hair, moustache, and blue eyes wants to hear from you. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 51113, Palo Alto 94303 or call ★★3179.

Man With Hairy Legs

sought. Handsome, 6 ft., blond, very fit and healthy, brainy, ribald humor, classy, sexy artistic type seeks very fit and healthy, brainy, confident, 40's something professional type who is excessively hairy, who loves getting head, getting licked, SAFE sex. Prefer dark, dark hair—but not entirely so. Hairy legs essential, the more so if exclusively so. You should answer this ad if you are looking for Deep Commitment. Call ★★3180.

Tall Dark and Hungsome?

Goodlooking older dude, 47, seeks black or Middle Eastern man who enjoys hot oral expert working him over. I am healthy Bohemian beef, 175#, 5'9", into world travel and a vegie. You should be 18–40, trim and masculine. Let's try one time or for all time. Please leave phone number. Call ★★3181.

I am a foreign student from Switzerland

I am 20 y.o., 6', 173 lbs, and cleancut. I have light dark straight hair and blue eyes. I enjoy ice skating, show skiing, tennis, music and movies. I speak French, German and Italian fluently and English, Greek and Russian almost fluently. I would like to meet an honest WM between the ages of 20 and 30. Thank you! Reply BT Box AG74.

Sex And Dating

I'm learning how important it is to build relationships on more than sex. Sex is very important to me, yet I also crave physical intimacy and friendship. I am a 38-year-old GWM, HIV–, medium height, husky build, dark hair & eyes. Sexually I want uninhibited sex, lots of hugging, kissing and touching, massage, showering together, etc. Socially I'd enjoy long walks, cafes, movies and TV, dinner and conversation. I'm especially attracted to husky older men. I'm eager to begin. All replies answered. Reply BT Box AG75.

Attention African American Man

You've experienced enough of the emptiness of sex without intimacy. You've gone inside and made peace with who you are, who you've been, and you're excited with who you're becoming. You'd like to experience bridging friendship with passionate intimacy. You are I are educated, happy, sincere, attractive, muscular and sexually versatile men. I'm 37 and Caucasian. There's a land where lovers dream, where poets dwell; we can sail tomorrow. Reply BT Box AG76 or call ★★3182.

Do you live in Mid-Peninsula and find yourself logging miles and fighting traffic to make it "on-time" for that special date in SF or waste time/energy to find love in all the wrong places? Say, No more!! This caring, sensitive prof. GWM, 42, 6', 180 lbs., HIV– with attractive Mediterranean looks, hairy chest and adorable hairy, muscular legzzz(!) seeks younger (25-35) man with a vibrant mind and exceptionally good looks for dating, friendship and romance. Healthy lifestyle is a must. Photo (returnable) and a letter about yourself/interests may end our boredom and aimless driving sooner than we anticipate. Femmes, bar flies, smokers/heavy drinkers, gold-diggers and skate-boarders, save a tree! Reply BT Box AG77 or call ★★3183.

HIV Buddy Wanted

5'8", 170#, hairy, muscular, sexy bod with bubble butt seeks same HIV buddy for friendship and fun. Buddy has been positive for a couple of years, is motivated, spiritually guided toward his higher-self, works out and considers himself an entrepreneur. Bondage has turned him on in the past, and still does, but seeks the companionship of another sexy buddy to explore each other 's spirit through massage, meditation and sharing of feelings. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 64381, Sunnyvale 94088 or call ★★3184.

Seeking Ripe Pussy Butt

Studly Bi WM top, 38, 5'9", 180 lbs, solid buffed muscle fox wants to service *actively* submissive butt guy for steamy sessions. Only quality, nonfeminine gym regulars need reply! Be honest, guys! Me: a superbly hung, giving top, really hungry to service pleasure oriented ass boys who crave that ongoing intense connection with a nongay dominant dude. Photo a must! Reply Boxholder, 460585, SF 94146 or call ★★3185. Spread your legs for me, Buddy!

A Little Sex Music

Wanted: sex buddy. Talk to me, tell me your erotic fantasies while you undress me. Let's exchange underwear, keep talking—don't smoke. I'll spank your butt or you spank mine. Your lean to moderately muscled body rolls with mine on the floor in a wrestle. Slip a condom on me with your mouth. Open to men of all races, 34–50. I'm a GWM, HIV–, 44, 6'1", 145 lbs, nonsmoker. Please call ★★3186.

Helping Hints #1280

Nothing. This is the thought you mutter repetitively to yourself as you walk life's blvd. of broken dreams and failing figures. You know what it all adds up to, but does it stop you? Yes. That's not the point. You're persistent in your bleak outlook on the ugly reality you live. You bask in it. And even though it's impossible to take another step to drag your sorry ass out that front door one more time, you manage to anyway. Is it any wonder you're so envied by your vicious contemporaries? Call ★★3187.

I want to marry a hairy Italian named Vinnie!

A New Yorker would be great! I'm handsome, blond, nice tanned worked out body. HIV neg., 36 yrs, lots of fun, and live with a dog in the lovely East Bay. Am the romantic cuddler type. A great catch. Reply BT Box AG78 or call ★★3188.

Musician/Jungian "INFP"

Reciprocates highest ideals: teacher, articulate, soulmate, understanding, unconditional love, open-minded, traditional values, romantic, high standards, HIV–, discreet, self-aware, dedicated, caring, no vices, spiritual, pragmatic, honest, communicative, philosophical, balanced, thoughtful, listener, adaptable, seeker of truth and beauty, healthy, responsible, intuitive, independent, skeptical. I am a refined, classical musician/teacher, GWM, 43, 5'7", 125. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 1551, Cupertino 95015 or call ★★3189. All serious answered.

Looking for Gay Male who likes playing Doctor

Myself: I am 48 y.o. w/blue eyes, brn hair, clnshaved, as well as clncut. My height 5'8", weight 150 lbs. I am hung at 7" with no diseases and in good health as well. Ages I am looking for are 18, 19, no older than 29 y.o. who would enjoy giving his PT a full medical examination totally. Once you got me fully naked w/ you as well, I want to be caressed, loved and I want to roll from side to side for you too. I want to be touched everywhere on my body front and back. Reply BT Box AG79 or call ★★3190.

Mature Male Seeks Mature Lover

GWM, 46, 5'8", 175 lbs, avg. looks, trim beard, glasses, HIV neg; wants to communicate openly and fully with San Francisco only, HIV neg guy, 50 to 60 years old, who is financially secure, settled and wants to share his life with a lover. I'm single, sincere and want to develop a meaningful, loving relationship with you. I'm a very professional, experienced graphic artist who enjoys the theater, symphony, movies, dining out, cooking, gardening, swimming, long weekend walks, and trips to the country. Lots of quiet, quality intimate time together would be a priority. I'm sexually experienced and enjoy good safe-sex with much kissing and cuddling. I am more bottom than top in bed, but versatile. Am open to new experiences safely done, and also like sensual tit play and J/O. No stranger to San Francisco, I will relocate for you. Very sincere only write to J.G., P.O. Box 5103, Orange, CA 92613.

Recently Came Out

and life is great. What's missing is that special person to share my life. I want to hold you, to feel you close to me at night, to support each other, to laugh together, to share the pleasures of good conversation, good food, music, and the outdoors. I'll cook for you and consider you heavensent if you can do basic home repairs. We are both HIV neg., nonsmokers, use little to no alcohol and no addictive drugs. Our spiritual lives are important to us, alothough the outward forms of our paths may be different. I'm an East Bay GWM (41, 5'6", 150 lbs, salt-and-pepper/blue). You are GWM 31-50. Physical appearance is important to me, but less so than your soul and your intellect. If interested, reply with photo (returned) to BT Box AG80 or call ★★3191.

Husband Material

GWM 41, 5'6", 150, gray (balding)/blue, hirsute, HIV neg., seeking GWM for long-term, committed relationship. I am intelligent, warm, loyal, spiritual seeker, informal, professionally and financially secure, nonsmoker, little to no alcohol. My interests are good conversation, cooking, hiking, long walks, theater, film, comedy clubs, dining in or out, and gardening. Hopefully, you share some of these interests, have others that you can teach me, and might want to explore some new ones together (scuba or rafting, perhaps?). You are within 10 years of my age, HIV neg., light or nondrinker, imaginative, intelligent, sensitive, affectionate, articulate and have a stable life. You like (or can tolerate) dogs. You want a long-term, exclusive relationship in which you can share your interests, your ideas, your body, yourself with a partner. We both know that relationships require nurturance, mutual support, and work. East Bay preferred. Reply BT Box AG81 or call ★★3192.

Active Man Sought

GWM, tall, thin, brn/brn, balding, decent looks. Hiking, biking, tennis, camping, sailing. Movies, books with text, music, slow dancing. Nonreligious, sane, stable, coffee addict, HIV neg., drug & tobacco free. Seeking somewhat similar individual to hang out with, hopefully more. No fashion slaves, body builders or New Age believers. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 460371, SF 94146-0371.

Asian Master Wanted

WM, 5'6", 150 lbs., seeks domination from short, lightweight oriental, into verbal abuse, leather, boot licking, raunchy armpits, titwork and working my tongue on your body. Make this slave grovel at an Asian master's feet and learn to love it. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 6655, SF 94101.

Physique & Commitment

Intense, lustful, professional, physical man, 40, 5'9", 180, solid physique, seeks similar health-minded grounded man for dating relationship/potential committed monogamy. We've been through the carefree, hedonistic '70s and are ready to explore and further develop our Real Stuff as men of the '90s and beyond. I'm a gregarious, "put it right out there guy"—a complete giver who seeks the nourishment and mutual support of a man who's ready for a true, complete male relationship. One that's based on integrity and truth. But let's not forget our playful, adventurous side. I work hard to play hard and want you to feel freedom of spirit to be you, the you that you know you truly are! Reply with photo (I guarantee its return) to Boxholder, P.O. Box 460585, SF 94146 or call ★★3193. Let's go for it, guy! We both need to give to one another.

Why Don't You

drag me around the world and force me to accompany you to all those pooh-pooh parties filled from floor to ceiling with bored bankers and broken debutantes? While you're at it, why don't you drag me at gunpoint to expensive restaurants and leave me holed up in one of the summer houses for weeks, alone with only my Godiva's, daybed and Starlet magazines to console me? If you leave me in the penthouse alone too long, I'm liable to jump from loneliness. You're so mean to me. Reply BT Box AG82 or call ★★3194.

Wanted: Brains and Values

Accomplished, spiendid man, 51, looking for that one somewhat younger, occupationally focused, financially comfortable partner. You: GWM, politically moderate, HIV –, trim, nonsmoker, capable and desirous of monogamy. Brains, self-awareness, sense of humor, lack of attitude, sexual energy and versatility are requirements. You are a good conversationalist, a man in touch with your feelings and your ideas and able to communicate them. I am 5'9", 155, HIV-, goodlooking and intelligent with advanced degrees. I love reading, running, travel and my family. I am a published author, an entrepreneur, and a premiere companion with an exeeceedingly wide scope of interests and abilities. Reply Boxholder, Box 14546, SF 94114, or call ★★3195.

Pick Me! Pick Me!

That's if you're looking for a little romance instead of just sex, or a relationship, even though one of the latter two is a possibility if the chemistry's right. Me: GLM, 32, 5'7", 140 lbs, very attractive and fit, HIV –, whose schedule demands me to be spontaneous. Can't deal with smokers, drug users, or heavy drinkers, even though they can be wonderful people too. Have too many interests to list and always eager to explore another's interests at least once. So, if you're adventurous, attractive, fit, intelligent, emotionally sensitive, HIV –, around my age, pick me!! Call ★★3196.

Cyndi Lauper I'm Not...

but I do just wanna have fun. I'm an attractive (no, I really am), 28 y.o., GWM. 6'2", 170 lbs, fit, intelligent, communicative, romantic, playful, and have many interests. If you're a nice-looking, fit, HIV –, thoughtful, funny and romantic 27-35 y.o. stable man who can handle a good old-fashioned courtship with a traditional yet sometimes nasty boy, then give a call and let's have fun. Call ★★3197.

A Man For All Races

Tall, thin, GWM, 44, non-smoker, HIV –, wants a regular sex buddy for lusty, verbal, playful, safer sex, with some light spanking and role playing. Underwear exchange turns me on. Open to men of all races, particularly darker ones, 35-50 yrs. I like lean men with medium-sized muscles. Please call ★★3198.

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That the Powerful Play Goes On...

...and you may contribute a verse—perhaps in my life. I'm a 28 year-old professional GWM (HIV–), smooth chest, blue/brown, in shape, positive attitude and serious about life—yet love to laugh and cut loose. Enjoy exercise, hiking, going to the beach, dancing, music, writing, reading, and cafes. Looking for someone who shares those qualities and interests, values others as well as themselves, and has other exciting qualities to share. Integrity and honest communication a must. Prefer smooth-chested swimmer's build, good shape, any race or ethnicity, age 22-32. Send your picture and letter to BT Box AG83.

Complementary Lover

GWM, 32, looking for someone special to complete the picture. I'm 5'10", 140 lbs, brown hair and eyes, moustache, hairy, almost handsome. Unlike me, you're strong, experienced, confident, older, top. Interests of mine you don't necessarily have to share include old movies, opera, bicycling and travel (one or two matches would be nice though). What we do share are passion, sensitivity, intelligence, HIV status (negative), honesty, and a genuine desire for a friendship/relationship of substance. Speaking of honesty, I should mention that I have a slight disability. It's no problem with me and hopefully it won't be with you either. Reply BT Box AG84.

Jonny Quest Seeks Hadji

to form secret sex club and do science experiments in exotic locations. NO GIRLS ALLOWED!!! (Unless they're dykes, of course). Jonny is 34, 5'7", 140 lbs, trim, fair-haired, with bespeckled blue eyes. Hadji can be any dark-skinned young man, my age or older, who is highly intelligent and seeking adventure. Let's get lost in space, chase fag-bashers, drive race cars, shoot lasers at secret government agents, and make-out on camp-outs while roasting weenies. Call ★★3199.

Jonny Seeks Dr. Quest

Fair-haired, blue-eyed bespeckled young man, 34, 5'7", 140 lbs, seeks virile, hirsute, intelligent older man as Dad for father-son bonding adventures in exotic locations and top secret laboratories. Hair-raising escapes from mad fiends, firm, but affectionate discipline, lots of masculine hugs and punches and all-American man-boy butt-fucking are part of this Jonny's quest. Call ★★3200.

Relationship

oriented GWM, attractive, 44 (look younger), seeks an other looking to nest. My friends are wonderful, but I miss the warm physical and personal intimacy of a partner. I have a successful career and a comfortable life with interests which include the fine and performing arts, my bicycle, movies, cooking etc.; enjoy the company of men who are younger (under 35), independent, creative, honest, and not into games; lean to muscular build and enjoy passionate kissing, cuddling and (you fill in). Being fit and in good health is important but not essential. Reply Box 626, 584 Castro, SF 94114, or call ★★3201.

Send Me Your Nasty Pix

Make me gasp when I open your letter to discover your deviant nature in full swing immortalized on film. Disgust my sensibilities with just how far you're willing to go. Call me and tell me just how perverted you really are, you preacher/biz man/sunday school teacher you! I see that innocent look in your mug every day, downtown, at the bank, in better restaurants, but you don't fool me. You've got Kink written all over you. P.S.: I like long walks on the beach, good conversation, fireside evenings with long glances, and good food—I'm a good cook too!!! P.P.S.: I hate bad things. Reply BT Box AG85, or call ★★3202.

Give It To Me

Do you want to sit on my long hard piece of black meat and writhe around while I work your nipples and try and suck your tongue out of your head? I want to make you scream with ecstasy as our bodies meld into one. I'm a sexy, 39 y.o. GBM, HIV+, with a hot gym-toned body waiting for your tight round ass to come into my life. If you're around my age, alive, adventurous, and have a great sense of humor about life, write or call me now, baby. Reply BT Box AG86.

Bread And Water

and Van Cleef and Arpel are all vital elements necessary for sustaining life on a dying planet or party. Why don't you drape your dripping jewels over my hefty body and show me a fine time on the tired ol' town tonight? You should have a tremendous capacity for humor, good taste, and DNA. Together we can write epitaphs for post-humous fools unwittingly hanging around equally dead parties. Get my drift? Good. Now get my goat. No strings, just flings. I effervesce easily. Reply BT Box AG87 or call ★★3203.

MEN

GWM, 25, 5'11", 185, blonde, blue-eyed, sincere, honest, affectionate but inexperienced, physically-fit, enjoys nature, Big Band and easy listening music. Sailing, traveling, cooking out, quiet times with Mr. Right, no drugs. Seeks Gay Asian or WM, age unimportant, loyal, sincere, interested in longterm relationship. Will answer all letters. Include recent photo if possible. Looking forward to your letter. Reply BT Box AG88..

Amateur Model/Actor From U.K.

Young, good-looking, recently arrived in SF. Would like to work with art/photography/film students on nude/semi nude projects for experience—no charges. Also interested in meeting fun-loving, stable, sincere guys, 25-35, to help me discover all that SF and CA has to offer. Race unimportant. Write with complete details and phone. All projects considered/letters answered, I promise. Reply BT Box AG89 or call ★★3204.

Asian Son Sought

To enjoy life to its ultimate with success in all dimensions. Me: responsible, conversational, caring, stable, emotionally and financially secure, value companionship and varied interests. Am healthy, HIV–, single GWM, 60, 5'8", 165, blue eyes. Ultimately I want an intimacy that knows no bounds with an emotionally available Asian friend. Live-in potential. You: healthy, adventurous, easy on the eyes, warm and sincere to 40s. All answered. Reply BT Box AG90.

Southern Humboldt

WM, 40, 6'2", 170 lbs, HIV+, have been symptomatic and currently very healthy. Live on 40 acres, passive solar cabin on creek in coastal mountains, adding onto it now (you into bangin' nails?) I'm masculine, sensitive, earthy, introspective, questing, strong-willed, non-fanatical, certified massage therapist. In SF occasionally. Interested in visitors, companionship, good exchange, intimacy with men who are preferably: late forties to fifties, shorter than me, masculine and fit, darker haired (turn ons: hairy chests, salt 'n' pepper hair, beards.) Also into finding sleeping room for me and my very well-trained and quiet female Australian shepherd in SF for maybe 4 to 7 days a month. Open to trading my place for yours. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 1817, Redway CA, 95560.

Rosy Cheeks

Tall, good-looking, 26 yo GWM, in good shape, will administer quick slaps to your tight round buns. Get over my knee and I will use my very talented hands or ? until your beefy butt glows. Wear your tightest jeans or very little or nothing at all; get ready for a few fun slaps, or a prolongued punishment. Are you 20-32, in good shape? Have you ever daydreamed about getting your cute rear warmed by a younger non-Daddy type? This nicely-endowed guy would like to fulfill your wishes! Reply BT Box AG91 or call ★★3205.

Searching for a Band of Gold

This GWM is looking for that special man to date and eventually nurture a stable, loving, monogamous relationship. Can I help it if I was raised to expect honesty, devotion, respect and passion in a relationship? The chemistry between us is more important than anatomy and sexual roles. I enjoy bicycling, dancing, long walks, chocolate, cuddling, quiet times and romance. I'm 32 yrs, 5'8", 135 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, clean shaven, professionally employed, HIV–, and a non-smoker. If you're interested and believe in Love, answer this ad. Reply BT Box AG92 or call ★★3206.

I'm Hairy; You're Not

I'm also a short, balding, 38-year old writer who's just relocated to SF and is looking to get involved with people, issues, events, opportunities. I'm progressive, creative, compassionate, concerned and fit (but not obsessive about it). You're youngish, intelligent, non-repulsive, and unpsychotic. Together we'll talk, eat, explore, travel, cuddle, and ???? Will answer all queries (the most interesting first).Reply BT Box AG94 or call ★★3207.

Genet Knew The Real Meaning Of "Punk"

Let's research it together! I'm 25, average in a stunning sort of pumpkin-head dork way, with short brown hair and matching horn rims. I am morbidly fascinated with anything perverse or contrary to "mainstream" life (which includes leftists for the most part...), for example, I admire Genet (natch), Kenneth Anger, Caroliner Rainbow, Queer Riot Press, Wm Burroughs, JD's, Wilhelm Reich, Hakim Bey, Semiotext(e), hardcore dykes and fags, thinking fellers, and, and, and you get the idea. I generally like older seedy professor types, but all are invited to respond with a photo (xerox is OK) and note. Do it, I'm really nice! Reply BT Box AG95..

Wanted: One Good Topman

for sexual friendship and maybe more by slim, fair, and smooth red-headed GWM bottom. I'm a very fit and younger appearing late forties, masculine, 5'11" and 155, a stable professional, HIV– and health conscious, not into alcohol/drugs, etc., and have broad interests and an open mind. You are any race, stable, fit, and under 55. We both have high sexual energy levels and enjoy extended, but safe, sessions. Tell me what you like. Reply BT Box AG93.

Mystery Date

My dream date would be creative, self-assured, great looking, sincere, unique, "cool," sexy, sensual, literate, gastronomically inclined, musically diverse, adventuresome, honest, fun-loving, happy, considerate, charming, multi-faceted, secure, intelligent, enlightened, stylish, and challenging. (Super dreamy dates would be Latin/South American and picking me up on a motorcycle.) Duds would definitely be conservative-minded, bores, slobs, clones (traditional or nouveau), selfish, sleazy, angry, guilty, plastic, gratuitously-tanned and buff, teetotalers, obsessive, narcissistic, or glamour-pusses. I am the mystery! Reply BT Box AG96 or call ★★3208.

Asian 30–40ish

Sensitive WM, 45, 5'10", 150 lbs., caring, trustworthy, seeks trim nonsmoker for companionship/friendship: massage, movies, some T.V., plays, Bay Area exploration, hanging out at home. Non or "light" sexual OK. Photo/note to Boxholder, P.O. Box 14426, SF 94114 or call ★★3209.

Boy Wanted

for leather daddy in San Francisco. Must like to give good head and at least be flexible about B&D. One night stands OK, but a more permanent relationship is desired. Should be under 30 and slim. Daddy is slim, distinguished, attractive, salt & pepper hair, trim beard, and offers loving, caring, mature and disciplined affection. SF boys only. Sincere. No phone sex. Reply BT Box AG97 or call ★★3210.

Playmate/Lifemate

Are you a slim or muscular, nicely endowed GWM or Latin, in your 20's or 30's, top, versatile, or oral? Do you want a loving relationship with a strong, warm and understanding man in his 40's who is young enough to have a firm, athletic build, a playful, adventurous personality, and a high level of emotional, physical, and sexual energy? Would you like to meet this monogamously inclined, creative, outgoing, affectionate GWM with brown hair (balding), dark eyes, 5'8", 145 lbs., and a hairy chest that covers a wild but loving heart? If so, reply to BT Box AG98 or call ★★3211.

Yo Quiero Su Pipa!

Latin man 18-35 will get x-pert attention from goodlooking oral master. You should be hairy, handsome, and in shape. I am 47, Hot, 175#, blue eyes, brown hair. Prefer no drugs. Leave phone number at ★★3212.

August Special

This offer good thru Sept., or until supply (1 only) is gone. Black/Asian male, 31 y.o., 5'8", 140 lbs, dark hair/eyes, non-substance abuser and HIV– hopes to find monogamous relationship with honest, stable (mentally/financially) caring individual willing to share thoughts, feelings, interests, good/not-so-good times and work toward mutual goals. Some interests include movies, dining in/out, dancing, theater, travel and career goals (but not limited to or unopen to others) appreciated. Reply to Boxholder-D, P.O. Box 170072, SF 94117 or call ★★3213.

Slaves Are:

Something I enjoyed in a previous life. This time around I fantasize about tying your naked body to the bed posts/tree/sling and taking my time satisfying sexual desires while you beg for more. Honestly, I am 26, 5'11", clean-cut, healthy, HIV–, passionate, relationship-oriented, enjoy B/D play within limits, and am interested in meeting quality guys who are able to deal with the submissive sexual role while developing the partnership in other ways. ★★3214.

Masculine Italian

GWM, 6'2", dark hair and eyes, youthful 40's, husky build with hairy chest and mustache. Considered good looking and straight-appearing, healthy HIV+, successful. Don't use alcohol or drugs, but I smoke. Enjoy many interests including gardening, carpentry, traveling, dining out, movies and good friendships. Am attracted to younger masculine men who are slim, on the quiet side and possess a positive attitude. Send photo and phone number to : Boxholder, 1547 Palos Verdes Mall, Suite 120, Walnut Creek 94596-2228.

Seeks Hairy Buddy

W/M, 44, tired of being without a special buddy to share good and maybe not so good times with. This healthy HIV+ man is an enjoyer of simpler things like job, home, garden, flicks, fireplaces, Chinese food, and honesty and masculinity that comes naturally. Looking for a similar soul. Me: 6', 180, smooth, mustache. You: hairy (hopefully *very*), hopefully bearded, short-haired, any age/ethnicity. Sexually we are negotiable, open-minded, willing to attempt to do what is needed, but definitely butt-oriented and temperate in all vices. We don't wear cologne, Let's talk. Occupant, P.O. Box 460595, SF 94146 or call ★★3215.

For The Others

Stocky GWM, 46, 5'9", 190 lbs., teddy bear type, hairy-chested, s/p, moustache and thinning hair, seeks special man for sexual friendship and possible relationship. I'm educated, spiritual, healthy, HIV–, cuddly romantic and seek someone to share good conversation, good food and good sex. Interests include travel, old movies, music. Send an honest note to Boxholder P.O. Box 2215-R Market St., #433, SF 94114 or call ★★3216.

Down to Earth Relationship

wanted by artist, 39, 5'11", 170, healthy, into camping, hiking, flea markets, sailing and creative expression: I'm ready to bond with another adventurous young man who can relate to the natural rhythm and flow of life. Let's get to know each other by taking my truck camping along the coast. Reply Boxholder 1001 Bridgeway, #428, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★3217.

Outdoor-Loving Bears

Energetic adventurer, 31, 5'11", 170, bearded health professional wants to meet similar literate, optimistic, eclectic man any size. Looking to share city, hiking and travel adventures with an honest, relationship-oriented good communicator who has a Berkeley sense of P.C. values, yet has a sense of humor. I prefer theatre or a hike to T.V. and have a great time living life to its fullest. Let's meet. Call ★★3218.

Do you have a Huge Beer Belly?

This tall (6'1"), slender (170) GWM wants to meet an aggressive, masculine "trucker" type man who has a large, overhanging belly—the bigger the better! I am 30 with brown hair, blue eyes, moustache, and am masculine, affectionate, HIV neg., stable and enjoy the outdoors. Give me a call and let's talk. ★★3219.

Mid-Week Workout

Hot GWM seeks same for steamy weekday sessions. I am 30 years old, 6', 155 lbs., in great shape and promise you a good workout. If you are free during the week, let's connect. Relationships not a priority here, just great *sex*! Call ★★3220.

Young, Hip & Disabled?

Progressive, sensitive, outdoorsy, health professional, 31, handsome, able-bodied, wants to meet spirited, active disabled man to share adventures and fun. Call ★★3221.

Not A Stud

WM, 43, friendly, sense of humor, HIV negative, but sexually inhibited, seeks similar guy for low-key, friendly sexual experimentation. For example, mutual J/O! Prefer 18-35, skinny, smooth guys. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 22201, SF 94122 or call ★★3222.

Sir

I am a college-educated, 38, handsome, hot Jock. I am told I am an excellent cocksucker and I like nothing better than spreading my cheeks for the sort of man who can give me as much as I can possibly take. You will find me willing to comply energetically with your desires—whatever they may be. Call ★★3223.

Outdoor Come-on

Lake Powell, Glacier, Grand Teton, Bryce, Zion, etc. Attractive, in-shape 46-year-old seeks camping buddy for 1-2 week trip. Have great, full-size equipment for you to enjoy! Not a survival training exercise: travel in comfy, fully equipped, self-contained 4x4 camper. Pay only share of fees, food, gas. Destinations, dates open. Be habit-free, in good shape. Send photo and particular desires. Reply BT Box AG99.

I'm Trying

How do you do this? GWM, 34, 175 lbs., 5'11", recently arrived New Yorker. I've got wonderful friends, but I'm looking for more. I love old movies and Bugs Bunny, good conversation, companionship. If you hate bars as much as I do, maybe you're wondering how to meet someone who likes to laugh and enjoys simple things. I don't want a double, just someone who is politically progressive and can read and think. So? Call ★★3224.

Nasty Summer Fun

Let's enjoy a hot evening getting nasty together. You sit, I service. You snap, I jump. I get off servicing a hot man with a healthy ego. Me: handsome Latin, 28. You: under 40, good healthy body. Send photo, will return. Go ahead, write. You won't regret it! Explore your fantasies in a safe environment. Reply BT Box AG100.

Fun Adult

More adult than child, a lot more left than right, more fun than serious, more fair than judgemental, more spiritual than religious, more work than play (willing to change), more interested in love, companionship and friendship than looks, more financially secure than not, more of a doer than a watcher, more of a thinker than a reacter, more thinking than emotional, more into planning and creating than in detail, more head than hair, more bottom than top, more fun than this ad. I'd like to meet new friends and maybe someone great will come along. I'm 38, in good shape, asymptomatic HIV+. Send letter to: Boxholder, Box 7264, 3360 Adeline St., Berkeley 94703 or call ★★3225.

Tact-O-Receptor

Healthy, buffed, GWM, 33, 5'8", 170, light brn hair, grn eyes. If you are warm, nurturing and enjoy mutual sustained touch sessions, are Cauc. or Latino and Hot, between age 20-35, I'd like to meet you. Cancer and Taurus a plus! Please include recent photo/returned with same. Write to Boxholder, P.O. Box 10691, Oakland 94610.

ASAP

Attractive Sincere Asian Professional seeks a compatible GWM for friendship and possible relationship. At 39, 5'9", 155 lbs., with a smooth tan body and nice smile, I look, act and think much younger than my age. My interests orient around the arts, but I am always eager to try something new. You don't have to be Mr. Handsome. What I am looking for is a positive thinker who is mentally sound, physically fit and financially stable. Your photo and descriptive letter will get my immediate response. Reply BT Box AG101.

Are You Ready?

I am! I'm an attractive, 30-year-old GWM, 6', 155 lbs, br/bl, and I am ready to meet somebody new and exciting. I am professionally employed, into working out, bicycling, keeping in shape. I have lots of energy, a great sense of humor, sexually versatile, I know how to enjoy myself. If you are a GWM of similar qualities who is honest, mature, stable and wants to meet the right person or just have a good time, I want to hear from you! Reply BT Box AG102 or call ★★3226.

Pianist/Jungian "INFP"

Reciprocates highest ideals: teacher, articulate, soulmate, understanding, unconditional love, open-minded, traditional values, romantic, high standards, HIV–, discreet, self-aware, dedicated, caring, no vices, spiritual, pragmatic, honest, communicative, philosophical, balanced, thoughtful, listener, adaptable, seeker of truth and beauty, healthy, responsible, intuitive, independent, skeptical. I am a refined, classical musician/teacher, GWM, 43, 5'7", 125. P.O. Box 1551, Cupertino 95015 or call ★★ 3227. All serious answered.

The Nerve!

I get a little nervous meeting new people and a little more nervous around people I'm attracted to. But, since I don't smoke, do any drugs or drink and am HIV–, I find it difficult to meet other GWMen who share these healthy qualities. Perhaps this ad will put me in touch with some of you who are also looking for something of duration, quality and commitment. I'm usually attracted to men who are around my 30 years, who like trim beards and smooth swimmer's builds with above-average endowment, but perhaps are themselves more muscular and better endowed. My preference for nonsmoking mascu-

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line men is pretty strong and a clean-cut appearance is also desirable. If you find that you are "outside" of the typical gay scene of bars, dance clubs and crowds, I'd like to hear from you. I'm in The City. Let's meet and see what develops. Reply BT Box AG103 or call ★★3228.

From A Distance

You look like my friend even though I'm Black, your're White./ From a distance we're walking hand in hand, even though we live so far apart./ From a distance we are lovers, marching to a different drum./ And the beats I hear, pounding near my ear, is of Lust, of Life, of Love. GBM, 5'10", early 30's, seeks professional GWM's. Send photo. Reply BT Box AG104.

Family Oriented

GWM, young 40, 5'4", 145 lbs., HIV–, seeks fun and adventure with committed life partner. I have a wide spectrum of interests and talents. I have an 8-year-old son who is a bundle of joy. Prefer nondrinking partners, 5'8" or under. Please call me and let's talk. Reply BT Box AG105 or call ★★3229.

Erotic Art Videomaker

seeks talent and/or relationship/helper. Let's experience the creative energy of Northern California. I'm 39, 5'11", 170, healthy and ready to explore the natural rhythm of life with another young man who can relate to art, nature and the male form combined as one. If this tickles your fantasy write: Boxholder, 1001 Bridgeway, #428, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★3230.

Europeans

If you're European or of a similar mind-set, read on. Looking for a super cute Mediterranean queer boy for romance in the City. Into cafes, films, industrial dancing, gay activism, and my guitar (among other things). Prefer my man to have a nice tanned body with dark hair, 25-35 and be in shape physically and emotionally. Me: queer Caucasian, 28, 5'11", 155 lbs., dark hair, in shape, nice body, great smile, gypsy soul. C'mon baby, Karma is calling. Send a card to Boxholder, P.O. Box 470941, SF 94147.

Body & Soul—Videos/Fantasies, But Ready for...

more serious Partner/friends—Asian/Latin/or? 18-35: simple, sensual-but-stable lifestyle, *non or light* alcohol/drugs, Philosophy/a higher Power, moderate-tolerant Christian outlook, music, humor, Matt Ramsey, Squirt Cummings, easy-going "homebody"—no heavy social scene... I'm GWM, 29, 5'9", 150#, hairy, clean-shaven, called goodlooking. Some favorites: Sade, Stansfield, Summer, Vandross, Simply Red, Heart, Santana, Prokofiev, KKSF—Ansel Adams, Twilight Zone, Amazing Grace, Chaplin, Newhart, Schulz, The Far Side, Kant, Kierkegaard, Pascal, Buber—How about you? Letter and Photo to: Boxholder, 41 Sutter St. #1565, SF 94104.

Collectors of Jazz Music Only!!

I want to meet men who have large Jazz record collections. You must have these labels and artists: Tradition, Prestige, Verve, Bluenote, CTI, Milestone, Cadet, Fantasy, etc. Also know Eric Dolphy, Miles Davis, Charlie Parker, Ella, Billie Holiday, Sarah Vaughn, Max Roach, Monk, Donald Byrd on the Traditional label, and have copies. B/M, 46, 5'9", 165 lbs, dark skin, seeks any race, age, height who knows a lot about Jazz music. Boxholder, P.O. Box 31662, Oakland 94604.

Tall GWM Seeks 2nd Relationship

Research shows and everyone knows that after years of being together, most gay couples have outside sex. Why not consider friendship with someone like me—37, 6'4", 150, dark hair, partially bearded, in shape, HIV–, imaginative, romantic, creative, refined, masculine, intelligent, but not stodgy, soft spoken, don't smoke, vegetarian, play piano, like cats, trees. Please be 29-45, any race, size, but in shape, HIV–, with something in common with/and appreciation for, someone like me. See "Tall Attached, Seeks Romance." Reply BT Box AG106 or call ★★3231.

Tall Attached, Seeks Romance

GWM, 37, 6'4", 150, brown, partially bearded, HIV–, desires safe-sexual friendship (not primary partnership), with understanding or similarly attached man (29-45), nonsmoking, HIV–. Like lean or muscular physiques, to share a common interest (arts, music, vegetarianism, working out), any race, size. Your academic or career accomplishments are not important; character, sensitivity, communication is. Send letter, photo appreciated/returned to BT Box AG107 or call ★★3232. See "Tall GWM Seeks 2nd Relationship."

Single Seeking Symbiosis

I've been having fun as a single for five years, but now want to focus on finding a man for a relationship. I'm 6'1", 170, blond, blue, HIV+, healthy, active C/W dancer, bodysurfer, like performing arts. I've invested time in growth work, counselling and developing my spiritual side, and seek a partner who is emotionally articulate, 30's or 40's, masculine, versatile top, nonsmoker, no hard drugs (occasional joint or drink OK). Pick up your pen or phone. Reply BT Box AG108 or call ★★3233.

We Want a Few Good Men

S/M role-oriented couple seeks GWM singles/couples into leather, BD, etc. for hot, safe, intense play. We are early 40's, good-looking, uninhibited, physically fit, nonsmoking, intelligent, professional and fun. You are 30-45, masculine, short-haired, good-looking, trim or gym-toned, obedient, nonsmoking and emotionally mature. Versatile tops and couples are encouraged to apply. Novices will be considered. Send resume and photo to Box 325, 1230 Market, SF 94102 or call ★★3234.

Friends/Lovers/Spiritual Partners

We deserve the relationship we want, sharing life's journey together. We both value consciousness growth, committed relationship as learning path, and simple, nonconsumerist lifestyle. I'm over-educated, under-nurtured, imperfect, compassionate, calm, peaceful, mystical, progressive, romantic, monagamous. Can be intense, deeply sensitive, playful, shy. (Typology clues: Cancerian/Gemini rising, INFJ, enneagram 4, Old Soul/scholar.) Enjoy middle path of the Heart, music (renaissance, baroque, sacred, ethnic, New Age), fine arts, psychology /philosophy, massage, hot tubs, bookstores, cafes, NPR, hearth & home, occasional drink /toke, being queer. Like to play piano, sing, do arts/crafts, cook/bake, read, day hike, sunbathe, make love, cuddle, kiss, snuggle while sleeping. Not into popular culture, most movies/T.V., rock, gyms, bars. Am 38, GWM, 6'1", 170, average build, love handles, blond, blue, mustache, attractive, HIV–. You share similar values, interests, qualities. Can understand creative-artistic type. Maybe have creative or healing pursuits too. Probably 30's +/– (optional: medium to tall, blond-brown, mustache). Please re-read ad carefully, then write: Boxholder #248, 584 Castro, SF 94114 or call ★★3235.

More Than You Expect

So. All these ads, why pick this one? If you only knew the man behind these words, you would stop. Here. And know. An attractive, intelligent, caring, strong, independent, loyal, passionate, calm, intense, talkative, loving man wants to meet unfearing others with at least some of those qualities. Living with joy and laughter in the midst of loss, HIV infection, and this bizarre world. Strapping white body toned by swimming and lightly tanned. Brawny and tall and forty-one. Love to stare. To kiss. To make fiery glistening love. Often. Condoms, yes. Toys, smoke, selfishness, cruelty, and other props, NO! Am especially drawn to slim, fit men my age or younger, and that physical attraction is important. Asians, Latins, Blacks very welcome, but race unimportant. Smile, and let's go with it as far as we can. Reply BT Box AG109 or call ★★3236.

Over The Knee Spanking

If you're into spanking, ever fantasized about it or just interested in trying something different—this GWM, 39, 6'5", 200 lbs, brown hair (moustache–chest—stomach) will take good care of you. Into spanking—not beating. Spanking will warm and stimulate the nerve endings in your ass with plenty of assplay between spanks. Call for hot details. ★★3237.

Man To Man

Man Seeks Man For One To One—Life Mate! I am: young 37, 6 ft., 175 pounds, blue eyes, brown hair. Goodlooking, college educated, possess wide variety of interests. You are: GWM, 25 to 50 and seek an eventual committed relationship based first on love. Settle down and live together. Oral active/passive sex only. Before you reply you should know what you want and be able to develop a loving relationship. Serious replies with your telephone number and mail address. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 866, El Cerrito 94530.

Maybe This Time

we'll be lucky, maybe this time we'll stay. If you are serious about building a meaningful relationship try this Latin man. I'm 36 years old, 5'6", 140 lbs., HIV–, stable, masculine, attractive, intelligent, outgoing and very affectionate. Who knows, maybe this time... Photo appreciated. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 5881, Oakland 94605 or call ★★3238.

Jr. Looking For Senior

GLM, blk/brn, 5'7", 155 lbs, 30 years old, HIV neg. I'm into physical fitness, sports, beaches, outdoor activities and quiet evenings at home. I'm looking for a GWM, 40-55 years young. I like masculine, but sensitive, men. Hoping for friendship, possible relationship. I'm not looking for one night stands. I love to cuddle and spend the night with someone special. Nonsmokers preferred. Photo appreciated. Reply to Boxholder, P.O. Box 4672, Oakland 94605 or call ★★3239.

HIV, Happy, Intelligent & Vital

OK, you don't have to read any farther if the thought of someone who is HIV+ bothers you. However, if the thought of someone who is loving and tender and wants to worship the ground you walk on interests you then read on. I am healthy (asymptomatic), attractive, 5'6", 130#, Spanish. Interests include music, movies, travel and, of course, passionate sex. I am a Scorpio after all. If you have read this far and you are an African American or other man of color, then stop reading and pick up the phone. Let me make you my prince. Reply BT Box AG110 or call ★★3240.

Baseball Coach Available

"Ole Perfesser" (my nickname), seeks lover; places ad—what a brainstorm! Well, I'm not a monosyllabic macho jarhead. My insides: hate being alone with no one to talk to; love all music except sad country; enjoy reading, comedy & sci-fi movies; cry at the "Wizard of Oz"; grateful for 7 years sobriety; adore hugging, kissing and touching; possessed of a kind, shy, gentle, caring nature which makes me sexually accommodating. My outsides: GWM, 39 going on 30, 5'11", 185#, brown flat-top, green eyes, clean-cut, muscular, hairy chest, legs, arms. Your insides should not mirror mine, only be compatible. Be bright, aggressive, imaginative. Your outsides: GWM, 20-30, lanky-muscular, clean-cut, top, lover candidate. Reply BT Box AG111 or call ★★3241.

Caring Guy Seeks Best Friend & Lover

Playful, adventurous, mature, extroverted, spiritual, smooth, HIV–, professional is happy and well-balanced. I am well-endowed with platonic friends, fireplace, great career, zest for life and a 43 yr, 5'11", 165 lb., gym-toned body. My lover would be an attractive, slim, bottom or versatile, nonsmoker, professional 32-42 y.o. We enjoy volunteer work, cuddling, intimate conversation, massage, beaches, wine, outdoors, exercise and time with our other friends. Write Box 14184, SF 94114 with photo & phone or call ★★3242.

No More

six foot studs! I'm tired of looking deeply into Adam's apples and having those big knees jammed into my calves. Yep, I want some boyfriends I can trade clothes with. Handsome, affectionate, versatile, white guy, 31, 5'4", 130, HIV–, with sense of humor and cynical outlook scamming for boys whose peckers, hearts, and eyes are all at the same level as mine. I'm hairy with dark trim beard, go to gym, etc. I'm a professional artist/designer type into Baroque music, good food, sucking tongues and reading. I'm looking for sweet guys around my size, give or take, who are stable, intelligent, like to laugh, don't smoke/drink/do drugs, and are pretty cute (especially blonds and reds), for dating, cuddling up and fooling around. Your pix and response will get mine. Reply BT Box AG112 or call ★★3243.

Young Fuck-Up Needs Fucking-Up

Well stuff me esoterically you noetic ape and blow me into oblivion with your blunderbuss, scattering thought of anything but the turgid present. Immaculate reification expanding your flesh with disclosed meaning as we exchange a seminal dialogue from the pit of our living selves. Interchange in endless play of omphalos and orobouros. No consciousness but of the hardness of things as you ejaculate into me an amalgam of Shakespeare and Merleau-Ponty. Reply BT Box AG113 or call ★★3244.

Wanted

GWM, 27, well-built, professional with varied interests and a sense of humor, interested in 25-32 yr. GWM who is intelligent, outgoing, emotionally capable, muscular, HIV–, and financially stable. Only honest people need reply. Comments and photo appreciated. Reply BT Box AG114 or call ★★3245.

Wanted: Potential New Boyfriend

Attractive, masculine, single, professional GWM, age 38, 5'11", 155 lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, a reddish brown moustache, HIV–, lanky, fun-loving and sometimes hell-raising top seeks a guy for fun, dating, and possible relationship. My interests are many: running, hiking, country & western dancing, walks in the woods, quiet times with my man, as well as travel, music, theatre, sweaty workouts, both at home and at the gym, and spontaneous adventures. I fit no mold, I am as comfortable in a tux as I am in jeans or leather. I am looking for someone to share common and diverse interests, life and sex, (to some leather and kink). Someone to hug, cuddle, kiss into long, slow sessions of lovemaking. You are a bottom or versatile (33-45, medium height to tall, masculine, HIV–, handsome), educated, professional, energetic and financially stable. You ultimately seek a monogamous relationship. Photo appreciated, and returned. Reply BT Box AG115 or call ★★3246.

Mutual Respect...

That's what I believe a quality relationship should base on. I am a GAM in my 30's, 5'10", 160, intelligent, gregarious, self-assured and successful in my career. People have described me as attractive and exotic, but seldom cute. Likes include movies, theater, culture, conversations, massages, safe sex. Dislikes are bar scene, pretense, confrontations, narcissists, dirty finger nails. I don't have any particular physical type, but am generally attracted to someone in his late 20's to early 40's who is warm sincere, lively, in-shape and comfortable with himself. Please reply with photo/phone to P.O. Box 261, Millbrae 94030 so we can explore the possibilities basing on mutual respect.

Domination/Wrestling Trips

Discrete, experienced, versatile, GWM Top, 5'6", 145, young-lk 42, professional, HIV–, enjoys hot imaginative, safe, domination scenes/roleplaying. Especially enjoy slowly/erotically wrestling young, passive, lightweight guys into submissive positions for stripping/spanking/feeling up/underwear changing and other erotic trips. Have large collection Speedos/underwear/etc. Prefer headscissors to light bondage. Limits/levels respected. Small/novices/trainees especially welcomed. Boxholder, 519 Castro, Suite 40, SF 94114.

I'm Cramped

Bright-eyed, energetic, adventurous, super kinetic, young 40 rocker looking for artist, punk, radical queer, leather boy or all-American JD. You're rebellious, 30's, under 6' and 170, have some grand scheme to make money which will probably never materialize, like to hang out, but think disco beats are homo mind control, have lots of rotten attitude which is only skin deep, HIV+, pissed about it and reconsidering your independence. You'd like a sugar daddy but will settle for good rockin daddy who won't support you but will spring for tix and dinner in a budget deficit. You hate the mass culture but still get sentimental about home. You like to act up and dress up, but can leave it behind to go camping or otherwise escape the gay ghetto and you can handle a complex, thinking, feeling, eclectic nonclone triple Gemini who's indecisive about almost everything except wanting to go steady. Call ★★3247.

Quality Man In Pleasant Hill

GWM, 29, wants to meet another GWM who believes a relationship begins with friendship first. I'm 5'9", 150 lbs, HIV–, with brown eyes, hair and short beard. I'm straight-appearing and somewhat shy. I enjoy the outdoors, movies, music, dancing and quiet times. You are around my age or younger, stable, HIV–, attractive to someone other than your mother, and don't smoke or use drugs. We both value honesty and believe in monogamy in a committed relationship. Let's meet and see what happens. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 3183, Walnut Creek 94598 or call ★★3248.

Hard, Fast Sex Or?

Wanted: good looking man for dating and potential relationship. I am looking for a man that is serious about dating and fits the particulars, walks on the beach and whatever moves us. My stats: Handsome, masculine, professional, GWM, age 38, 5'11", 155 lbs., brown hair, brown eyes, and moustache. I am fit, trim, and HIV–. Sexually I am a Top whose tastes run from affectionate cuddling to sex with a rough edge. I enjoy running, bicycling, hiking, skiing, and the outdoors in general. My other interests include dinners in or out, theatre, country & western dancing, forays into SOMA and occasional solitude. You: masculine, educated, financially stable, age 33-48, and well-built with similar and diverse interests. I am looking for an upbeat man who is imaginative, uninhibited and safe in sex and life in general. The first step is a letter. Reply and send photo if possible to BT Box AG116 or call ★★3249.

Monogamous Asian Lover Wanted

Professional, educated GWM in East Bay, 48, 5'8", 150, HIV neg., with hairy chest and moustache wants to meet a similarly educated, cultured Asian man to share a monogamous relationship and create a warm home environment together. My interests include art, music, films, literature, religions and philosophy, Asian culture and international travel. You may be U.S. or Asian born, but please be a nonsmoker, HIV neg., self-supporting, and interested in sharing a quality life with one other person. I'm considerate, communicative and sexually adaptable. If you will take time to write me about yourself, I will answer you. Reply BT Box AG117.

Positive?

Ya gotta put it out there so... I'm 40 y.o. Black, attractive, masculine, affectionate, reserved, in very good proportionate shape and healthy, 5'8", 150 lbs. My preference is for someone who is also HIV+ and healthy. Physically: I prefer a masculine man, proportionately built slender to medium, non-bottom, and attractive in his own eyes. Emotionally like myself, enjoys laughing, is kindhearted, probably a little shy, a little old-fashioned and relationship oriented. Ethnicity is not an issue. I know this doesn't tell you whole helluva lot, but I hope it's enough to peek your curiosity. Reply BT Box AG118 or call ★★3250.

Closet Bottom Busting Out

Most guys think I'm a top and most of the time I was, but two months ago... Whew! Now I've got a hungry hole. I'm tall, lean, blond, bushy moustache. If you want to make out, 69, and hump, and are hung, in-shape reply BT Box AG119 or call ★★3251.

Settled But Still Single

After too much moving around, I've finally settled down to a relatively stable life in the East Bay. Now I'd like to find someone to share that life with. I'm a 30-year-old GWM professional, 5'7", 150 lbs, HIV–, who enjoys bicycling, movies and vacations on tropical beaches and other exciting places. I don't drink and the only drugs in my system are caffeine and nicotine. Any guys around my age in a similar situation? I'd like to hear from you! Reply BT Box AG120 or call ★★3252.

Black 'N' White

Attractive Black man 5'11", 160, 39 (honestly) Top is looking for a physical and social relationship with GWM bottom, 35-45 and good looking. I am a warm and sensitive individual, professionally employed and am a homebody type. I am a healthy HIV+. I really am attracted to redheads and blonds and really go wild over big round buns. I am requesting a photo which I will return. Peace and Love. Reply BT Box AG121.

Dear Queer Leather Boys

Some of you have been seeking sex. I can help. Come to my house, lie on my bed (singly, pairs, etc.), receive attention, release semen, leave, no strings. Your host: world-weary writer, late thirties, not bad looking, tall, slim, boyish. Rendezvous site: lower Haight flat, functional. Here's what you get: dependable cocksuck, top-flight armpit lick, competent fuck, energetic wrestle, heavy-duty kiss, melt-your-underwear massage. Choose all or one. Safe. Special: be first to penetrate my anus. True! Never been done. All comers welcome to try, though I'll be selective. Goal: to immortalize encounters in queer-writing journal. If you're young, attractive, and own (or can borrow) a leather jacket, I want to hear from you. Reply BT AG122 or call ★★3253. For the nonshy: I'll have a Polaroid on hand to capture you in your jacket, and will audio record the proceedings.

Curious Unpretentious Leftist

Adventurous, resourceful, thoughtful, good-looking, tall, thin, HIV– GWM, 23, into used bookstores, Beatles, conversation, garbage picking, board games, sunsets, Monty Python, languages, scavenger hunts, doing and learning new stuff, playing guitar, biking around, exploring, life. I'm soft-spoken, articulate, down-to-earth, but not a slave to routine or daily reality, an excellent friend to my friends. Seek whomever—similar or complementary. Send letter, phone. Reply BT Box AG123.

Medium Hard

Hi. Looking for a nice guy with a thin to medium hard body for intimate friendship. Should be 30-45, around my ht/wt, and a nonsmoker. I'm 5'8", 155, brown hair and mustache, green eyes, 39. I like movies, travel, some outdoor sports, a good sense of humor, and literate conversation. Drop me a line if interested. Reply BT Box AG124.

Ruggers, Ropers, Rassiers

Muscular GWM seeks muscular B/Bi/SWM for rough-and-tumble play. Me: 6'2", 200#, blond, blue, handsome, HIV–, 44, into pumping iron, jujitsu, roughing it, a loose ruck, a buddy's pleasure. You: 18-45, HIV–, big like me, playful, aggressive, seeking to dominate the indomitable. Red hair or green eyes or freckles not essential, but a definite plus. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 591, Davis 95617.

Ass Massage

If you have nice buns—I want them. This attractive GWM, 39, 6'5", 200 lbs, brown hair (moustache-chest-stomach), likes ass. I like to look at, touch, squeeze, tickle and probe nice buns for an extended period of time. Light spanking, safe sex follows. If your dick's hard from reading this ad, call for hot details. Call ★★3254.

SVTPMU,D SMPMU,PID

I'm 38, in good shape, good-looking, HIV–, into TUTEL. Was HST but now FTS wanting MIM. What do you mean, too kinky for you? I'll translate. TUTEL: The usual things everybody likes. HST: High school teacher. FTS: Full-time student. MIM: Masters in math. What's that? The headline? Oops. Guess my fingers were on the wrong typewriter keys. So I'm not perfect. So what if every other advertiser is? Reply BT Box AG125.

Reality Check

I'm more than the sum of my gay parts but less than your fantasies./ I'm comfortable within my own skin—but not always./ I'm affectionate, caring, intelligent, perceptive and have a Woody Allenesque sense of humor./I cherish eccentricities—yours and mine./ Let's share them./My mirror tells me I'm 55, 5'6", 140 lbs., bearded... and counting/ I reply to phone messages. Call ★★3255.

Genuine Nice Guy

Wishing to meet a man who is looking for an eventual loving, committed relationship. I am 45, GWM, 6', 163#, HIV neg., East Bay professional, balding, brn hair, intellectual type. You're generally up-beat, able to share feelings, and know that real intimacy takes time. I am fairly self-aware and have a basic spirituality. Not into bars or hedonism. Safe scenes, no top/bottom games. I love classical music, poetry, and outdoor athletic activities. Identical interests might be uninteresting, but you should be employed, physically fit, and know what you want. Drugs/tobacco free. Reply BT Box AG126.

Artist

seeks like-minded guys to hang out and to play with. I'm 35, 5'11", 165 well-built pounds; handsome, creative, energetic, playful, affectionate and HIV–. Like Japanese and Indian food, action/adventure, movies; sci-fi/fantasy; cuddling, kissing and nuzzling with you in the late night and early mornings. Let's have some fun! Reply BT Box AG127 or call ★★3256.

Wanted—Hot Lover!!

Attractive, classy, sensitive, GWM professional, 6', 160 lbs., HIV–, green eyes, blond, looking for "hot" masculine, goodlooking, romantic partner—are you the one? If you like to have fun and enjoy good sex, you're the one!! I'm gentle, sensitive with varied interests. Looking for someone open and honest. Please reply w/letter and photo (returnable) to BT Box AG128 or call ★★3257.

Fly With Me

Airline employee working for major carrier interested in meeting other travel industry employees for travel anywhere or just hanging out in the Bay Area. I'm 30, clean-cut, very straight looking, young at heart and love spur of the moment travel. Inflight, ground operations and travel agents especially encouraged to write. Reply BT Box AG129.

Banana Cream Seeks Vanilla Dream

60's baby borne of Chinatown mom and N. Beach dad; 70's child raised in San Francisco; 80's undergrad educated in safer sex; 90's GUP-PIE working up the ranks. I love city living; red zingers at Cafe Flore, gin & tonic at the Sun, hipswaying at the Stud, shopping the Haight—suntanning at Dolores Park is getting away from it all! I'm neither closeted nor fem, but I can do a convincing drag when I need to. I'm medium height, brown hair and eyes, smooth and toned, and goodlooking—but my friends wonder why I can't get a date. Maybe I'm picky, but if you can stand any of this, give me a call. Call ★★3258.

"Top" This Hot Asian

Topman wanted to "double up," taking turns with: gorgeous, smooth, dark Asian bottom, masculine, sexy, hot! We'll drive him wild, then pump him safely. You're 28-42, hot/handsome, masculine (a must) topman. Plusses: hairy, hung, moustache, Italians, Mideasterners, dark blondes, nonsmoker/drugs. Built hairy pecs also a plus. No beards, please. Photos (returned). Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 196, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★3259.

Love In, Live Out

Beautifully aging hunk seeks one who appreciates the quiet privacy of separate living spaces in balance with an intimate, caring relationship of sexual fidelity. I'm a nonsmoker, non-drugger, light drinker, HIV–, honest, bright, fit, decisively masculine, down-to-earth, warm and affectionate. Successfully self-employed (blue collar), nonmainstream, energetic, productive, sensitive, a writer by avocation, a post-literate lover of many arts (especially film), love the outdoors, sports, and quality time with one special

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man. 5'10", 165#, green-eyed blond, spirited, athletic, lean, muscular, hairy, great smile, extraordinarily youthful at 52. You are similar in nature, 35-60, lean to thin, fit, dark-haired, probably hairy, definitely honest, loyal, self-esteeming, clean and manly. Reply (photo preferred) to Boxholder, Box 664, Kentfield 94914.

Double or Nothing

Lesbian and gay male seek same: him for him and her for her. Ensure that you're in excellent company on that potentially awkward first date—bring your favorite homosexual of the opposite sex. One of you is bound to fall in love; at least you'll have a good laugh. We are 1 lesbian (31), and 1 gay man (33): fetching (if flawed), flip and formidable, committed, intriguing, flexible, adorable and worth it. You are: lesbian (she), gay man (he), unattached (both), and at least 2 of the following: favored with natural or acquired intelligence/charm, wildly amusing, unforgivably gorgeous, embarrassingly rich. Respond as a team. The oods are better and so is the company. Reply BT Box AG130 or call ★★3260.

Tired of Blind Dates, The Dance Clubs And Answering Ads?

This ad is for those guys who truly have their "acts together" and still remain single. Are you young enough to have fun yet mature enough to know better? Do you ever wonder where all the eligible men are? Are you between 28-40, find yourself attractive, have a life, are well-exercised, masculine, and sick of being single? If you answered yes to at least 75 percent of the above—then come on down! We are two attractive peninsula professionals (friends not lovers), who answered yes to 100 percent of the above. We decided to do some networking (you know—like the lesbians do). Our first get-together is planned for mid-August. Give us a call. Hot damn... I'm gonna find myself a boyfriend! Reply BT Box AG131 or call ★★3261.

Mature, Relationship-Oriented Man

Tall, masculine, silver-haired/grey eyes GWM, 58, 6'2", 165 with a trim build (thanks to workouts 4-5 times each week), hairy-chested, nicely endowed and HIV negative, want to meet an upbeat, loving, monogamous man of any race, 5'8" or taller with proportionate build and an easy-going personality. Age is flexible, but if you are younger, please be stable, mature, and ready for a partnership of equals. If you are in your 50's like me, please be active, energetic and physically fit like me. Prefer a man who is either versatile or top, affectionate, romantic and sensual. I offer integrity, good humor, honesty, punctuality, and dependability. I appreciate a man with an optimistic, goodnatured personality and the capacity to fully enjoy the good times of life. Interests you'd need to share (or tolerate) are traveling, cards, hiking, reading, theatre, and entertaining friends at home. Reply BT Box AG132 or call ★★3262.

Gay Christian

GWM, 29, wants to meet a man who believes a relationship should begin with friendship first. I'm 5'9", 150 lbs, with brown eyes, hair and short beard. I'm straight-appearing, somewhat shy, with a Christian background. I enjoy the outdoors, movies, music, conversation, reading, dancing and quiet times. You are a GWM around my age, stable, believe in honesty and monogamy and don't use drugs or smoke. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 3183, Walnut Creek 94598 or call ★★3263.

Winner Seeks Youth

I'm a boyishly, handsome, successful San Francisco professional (WM, 5'10", trim, 37, HIV negative)... sharp, multi-talented, entertaining, colorful, deeply cool; a man with a past; a man with a future; and a man with a lot to offer the right young guy. That right young guy must be a babe—very youthful in appearance (any race, 18-22, Asians to age 24), masculine, smooth, muscular, extremely good-looking, and together. Recent photo appreciated. Reply to Occupant, 2040 Polk St., #175, SF 94109 or call ★★3264.

Asian Wanted

by good-looking, good-natured GWM, 30, 5'7", 150 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes. I'm in good shape from swimming, running and working out at the gym. If you have good values and goals and would like to meet, send letter and photo to BT Box AG133.

Cliched-Out Seeks Same

Lifelong exasperation with conformity has led me to try "being" a beatnik, hippy, Big Sur druggy carpenter, small business owner and author. I now realize that not fitting into any of these (let alone the mainstream) freed me to develop what's inside, guided by Jung, Radical Psychiatry, serious astrology, and my own uncontrollable individualism. In my late forties, I'm 6'2", 165 lbs., in-shape, top-ish, into politics, gym, ideas and social service. If you're somewhat younger, slim or muscular, kind of an activist and/or nonconformist with gentle but joyful sexual appetites; if you talk about your feelings, relate honestly and know what integrity is; and especially if you have long hair and a mind to match—maybe we can share affection, recreate the universe, and have fun in bed. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 170217, SF 94117 or call ★★3265.

Asian Seeks GWM

Nice, exotic and attractive GAM, clean-cut, masculine, 160 lbs, 5'10", wants clean-cut, clean-shaven, masculine and in-shape GWM, 22-32 yrs. I'm attracted to men with a good sense of humor, down-to-earth, confident, but yet shy. Friends first then maybe...? Your returnable photo and letter with phone number gets mine. Reply BT Box AG134.

Short and Sweet

I'm looking for a small-built, very hairy, masculine GWM with a reasonably good body for slow, affectionate J/O. You're 30's/40's, HIV–, hairier the better. Friendly attitude more important than looks. I'm GWM, 47, 5'8", 160, uncut, hairy, bald, greying, trim beard, blue eyes, muscular. How about it? Reply BT Box AG135 or call ★★3266.

The Decline of Industrial Culture

surrounds us as we explore the seamy underbelly of the city in search of urban frolic. New to S.F. GWM, young 40, HIV–, 5'11", 150, br/br, ponytail, extrovert, seeks in-shape bohemian homopunk GWM, 20-40 for friendship, safer sex, dance, and whatever else feels good. Likes: Ministry, Meat Beat Manifesto, art, coffee, literature, boots, black leather, bondage, piercings, tattoos, long hair, bikes, hard dicks. Drugs, alcohol, smoking OK. Dislikes: big attitude, pretty boy generic clone look, MTV, whining, boredom. I'm not looking for Mr. Right...just a fuckbuddy friend with similar interests to share good times. Call now to confess your sins. Call ★★3267.

He's Gotta Have It

Handsome 39 y.o. GWM, blond/blue, 160 lb., nice bod, lots of fun, open to intimate, passionate, monogamous peer relationship with man who is also HIV neg., and probably within 4 years of my age. I'm smart, sophisticated, casual, challenging, spiritually motivated, relationship-experienced, and psychologically mature. How about you? Please write. Photo (return assured) preferred. Reply BT Box AG136.

Leather Faeries

GWM wants to meet/make friends with men in the Radical Leather Faeries movement. I am 46, 6'0", 160 lbs, a swimmer and I work out. My sexual interests include most aspects of S/M, also Gr. Fr. top and bottom in most things. My other interests are philosophy, psychology, astrology, classical music and magick. I'm a nonsmoker and don't drink or use drugs. Reply Boxholder, 1001 Page St., Box 42, SF 94117 or call ★★3268.

Queer Boy Seeks Same

to bust beers at the Detour; dance at Uranus; shop in thrift stores; drink at Mad Dog or San Marcos; kiss, hold, do the Nasty, read Lynda Barry comeeks in bed (and elsewhere); and to share assorted general silliness and occasional seriousness. Physical stuff: 27, 6'2", 175#. C'mon—make my mood ring smoke! Reply BT Box AG137 or call ★★3269.

Outstanding!

I'm quite a catch, but so are you. Let's unite and develop an intimate, powerful, monogamous relationship. I'm smart (Phi Beta Kappa) and currently pursuing a Stanford doctoral degree. I'm masculine and—according to impartial jurors—strikingly handsome (thick, dark brown hair; green eyes). Tennis, running and biking keep my body trim (5'10", 160 lbs.) and muscular. Most importantly, my loving, affectionate, expressive nature defines me. I think you'll enjoy both my jousting sense of playfulness and my thoughtful, reflective sides. Expect to share lively conversations, romantic strolls through the foothills at dusk, moonlit picnics on the beach, and unbridled passion from me (we're both HIV neg). Don't be surprised if I reach out to give you a deep, forceful kiss when you least expect it (often you just drive me wild and I can't keep my hands off you!) It's key that you, too, are intensely loving and affectionate and delight in mixing emotionally with another man. Other turn-ons: music, science, art, teaching, gourmet food, sexy men in suits and ties, singing, the great outdoors, children, dogs. Turn-offs: drugs, cigarette smoking, excessive alcohol or religiousness. Please write me a detailed, thoughtful letter describing yourself. Include what you'd ask for if a magic genie popped out of nowhere to eagerly grant you three wishes. (A returnable photo is a must.) Thank you for taking the time to respond to PO Box 9014, Stanford 94309.

Free Again

Relationship now "friends only." Short, cute redhead seeks new friends and adventures. Creative, politically aware, shy but spirited 32 year-old wants chance to prove he's capable and willing. Faeries, leather, guppies: like diversity, guys 20s to 40, especially near my height (5'6"). Likes: Dancing, beaches, books, movies, photography, hot times, true friends. Sonoma area, but am open. Photo, phone to Boxholder, 1568-A, Willowside, Santa Rosa 95401 or call ★★3270.

Goodlooking Asian

Tall, mid-twenties, very active, Asian professional looking for a creative, intense, nerdy, intellectual to attend cultural events together or whatever interests you. I idolize artists, architects, dancers, writers, photographers, scientists, composers, carpenters, linguists...I am intelligent, warm friendly, easy going, humorous, witty, spontaneous, inexperienced, and a complete health nut. Please respond with phone number and a brief description of your interests to PO Box 1105, Mountain View 94040 or call ★★3271. Photos appreciated.

Smooth-Skinned "Bottom" Boys

Where are you? You're very smooth, chest, butt, balls, legs (?), Latin, Asian, Black, Italian—young and attractive. I'm a stocky, hairy, passionate, masculine top—well hung with great tongue for that smooth chest! Safe sex only. HIV+. J/O possible, too! Reply with photo (returned) and phone to: Boxholder, PO Box 196, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★3272.

This Ad Is For My Friend

who is a professional GAM, 45, in good shape, warm and wonderful, and looking for a mature professional man to share his life with. He loves music, is a super cook, has a great sense of humor, graduate of top universities, and a great catch! Write to him c/o PO Box 31834, SF 94131 or call ★★3273.

My Fantasy...

is to be between a hot blond and gorgeous brunet! I'm 23, 5'6", toned, hung and handsome Asian. I'm intelligent and into popular culture, so friendships are a bonus! If you can handle a 2 or 3-way, call ★★3274.

Healing Massage

Do you have strong, gentle, talented hands? And do you love to give and receive slow, nurturing, healing full body massages? You have your own place to set up my massage table? If so, this tall, thin, muscular, handsome, masculine, sensual, semi-hairy, 43, playful lover of life and laughter with bright blue eyes and warm smile wants to meet you. I'm a nature lover in early recovery from addictions, work out regularly, meditate, mostly vegetarian, learning to love my inner-child and lonely, confused at times. If you're open, honest, affectionate, loving, supportive, easygoing and maybe a little shy, healthy and fit, please write a candid letter with your discription, interests, photo if possible: PO Box 3556, Berkeley 94703-0556 or call ★★3276.

Looking For Love

in all the wrong places? Tired of the bar scene? Check this out!! Attractive, romantic, WM, HIV- with a great sense of humor and adventure seeks a sensitive and loving man who's a bit aggressive, well developed physically and mentally with a variety of interests. I love to travel, cook, hike, fish, take quiet walks on the beach and enjoy intimate candlelight dinners. We both are looking for friendship which may lead to a monogamous and loving relationship based on open conversation, honesty and respect. Drop me a reply w/letter and photo (returned). Reply BT Box AG138 or call ★★3277.

Dear Friend And Lover

I am a gentle, bright, healthy, mostly joyful gay man seeking a dear friend as lover. A friendship in which affection, tenderness and knowledge will guide us to loving one another and to our sexual pleasure and contentment. We'll share our feelings as honestly as we can, with compassion for past hurts and mutual respect for our differences and boundaries. We'll play and have fun. With thoughtfulness and caring we'll move through what causes us sadness or anger. I want to dance with you, laugh, sing, cry, talk of life and ice cream flavors and all things between, walk hand-in-hand in the park, be quiet together, prepare a meal together, have good sweet sex on a sunny afternoon, go to a concert, a movie, maybe to a lecture. I am 5'10", 145 lbs., black and white hair and moustache, with warm eyes and generous smile in a fine face. An attractive man. I am a Jew—not religious—and I have a heartfelt and strong social conscience. I am open to loving a man of any race and national origin. Of much meaning is your freedom of mind to reach out to—or your being—an older man, for I am in my 50s. I am HIV-negative. I look forward to hearing from you. Reply BT Box AG139 or call ★★3278.

Was Mona Right?

Is it possible to have a hot apartment, job and lover at the same time? I'm looking for a good man between 25 and 35 who's sincere, passionate and can make me laugh and think. You're probably 6' or taller, big, athletic, moustached, are well-educated yet open-minded, and have an eclectic mix of interests. I'm 26, 6', 185#, handsome, muscular, big-hearted and have an offbeat sense of humor! I believe two nice guys deserve to get to know each other! I enjoy workouts, bicycling, music, dining out and trying new things. If you could share my sense of enthusiasm and romance call ★★3279.

Young Body With Mature Brain

Me: GWM, attractive, not into "gay scene" but "out," green eyes, clean-cut, slim, grad-student, employed. Active in sports: mountain biking, tennis, autos, horseback riding. Intelligent, great sense of humor, healthy libido, stable but "wild" enough to have fun. You: relationship oriented, 25-38, employed or student, outgoing, democrat, honest, speak at least one language fluently, on the "butch" side, HIV-, atypically gay, somewhat athletic, free of drugs/alcohol, and have balance in your life. Friends tell me I can meet a great guy this way. I'm skeptical. Change my mind. Give me a call or write with photo. You make the call...I'll pay for dinner. Reply BT Box AG140 or call ★★3280.

Let's Connect

I am a professional man, 41, of mideast origin, handsome. you are probably Asian or Latin, in your 20s—30s, professional, trim, horny and affectionate, and available for a relationship with the "right" person. For me, intelligence, a sense of humor, social skills and flexibility are all plusses. Why don't you tell me more about yourself? PO Box 31834, SF 94131 or call ★★3281.

Lifemate/South Bay to SF

Wanted by this 40 year old professional, playful and centered GWM, 5'10½", 182 proportionate lbs., average build with attractive features and a flair for life. Enjoy comfortable exercise, outdoors, theatre, photography and travel. Have been single too long since previous relationship and now seek a man, 35-50, who like myself can think independently, live consciously and is willing to date, build and eventually commit to a relationship based on mutual respect, trust, integrity, empowerment and communication. Race unimportant but prefer taller than 5'8", weight proportionate to height and HIV-negative (like myself). If you are not afraid of intimacy and commitment, let me hear from you. Serious respondents only. Reply BT Box AG141 or call ★★3282.

Wanted: Hairy Male

who's very nice, vaguely intelligent, open-minded, sensitive, and lots of fun. I'm 29, 5'8", 150, br/br, hairy, non-smoker, sexually versatile. Slim guys near my age with straight hair preferred. I like Kate Bush, Roseanne, beer with friends, Cafe San Marcos, The Vampire Lestat, and I'm always open to new ideas and new adventures. Reply BT Box AG142 or call ★★3283.

A Different Sort Of Guy

Nice looking 42 yo WM, 5'11", 150, not typical gay or immersed in gay culture, seeking goodlooking/sexy buddy, friend, etc. I am moderately hairy, HIV+, w/moustache, auburn-brown hair; also free thinker, honest, low key, unpretentious, not effeminate, don't share republican non-values. I enjoy sex (J.O., oral, or?) when physical attraction exists, also very much massage, touching, hanging out, people watching, bicycling, movies, videos, TV, staying healthy, simplicity, attractive guys, most music. Not important to me are: career, dick size, high energy, social skills, insincerity, phoniness. Very important are being sexy/attractive, in reasonable shape, around my age or below, and look younger than actual age, and being very sincere and honest, also nurturing, supportive, willing to compromise. I am mostly bottom, but sex roles aren't important for friendship. Photo if possible. Reply BT Box AG143.

Casting Call

The search is on for a sensational co-star for a blockbuster romance. You'll be starring with an attractive professional who is an athletic and clean-cut all-American boy. 30, 5'10", 145, with interests including travel, cooking, movies (natch!), sports, sex and progressive politics. To get on the casting couch (and in your co-star's heart) you should be handsome (not necessarily Tom Cruise, but it wouldn't hurt), intelligent (we'll make up the script as we go), honest (no acting in this love story) and have a good sense of humor (cope well with script changes as they come). Returnable photo to Boxholder, PO Box 460856, SF 94146-0856 or call ★★3284.

Boy Wants Bondage

Very inexperienced 29 yr old severely interested in whatever it takes to fully restrain and encase me. High interests include plaster body casts, sleep sacks, rubber, leather and iron. Want to try immobilization and suspension. No s/m or drugs. Me—5'11", 175 lbs, brn/brn, cleanshaven. Looking for others close to my age but open to suggestions. Tel me what you'd do... ★★3275.

Hollywood And Swinging Vine

Seeking: Combination of Billy Crystal, Fred Astaire, and Tarzan. If you are warm, wise, whimsical, very well-mannered and very well-muscled, we may be able to brew a twosome. Thise winsome one is goodlooking, thin, smooth, naturally def. and beautifully equipped for the likes of you. Please give me a jingle in the jungle. Call ★★3285.

Uniforms/Boots/Rubber

Masculine WM, 43, 6', 195 lbs., 44" hairy chest, 24" thighs, hung, br/blu, thick moustache, looking for in shape men 21-45 into safe play in uniforms (athletic, police, military), boots, and latex gear. The tighter and more revealing the uniforms, the better. Additional interests in leather, spandex, undergear, and bondage. Photo appreciated. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 10864, Oakland 94610 or call ★★3286.

Share The Good Life Now!

I believe in fully enjoying each day as it comes and would like a lover, companion, partner and best friend to share the best that life has to offer inculding world travel, great restaurants, days/weekends on my boat, skiing, trips, tennis, bicycling, the gym, theater, opera, ballet, symphony and films, as well as entertaining friends, quiet evenings together, lounging around the pool and sleep-in mornings whenever we want! Why wait when we can do this now? I am a warm, humorous, thoughtful and sensual GWM. At 52 I have a handsome appearance (6', 185#). I'm a flexible top in bed and a natural leader who is caring and concerned for my partner's needs and desires. I'd like to meet a goodlooking, monogamous GWM with a cleancut appearance and proportionate build. I'm fexible on age (early 20s to early 50s) and HIV status, but not on smoking or drug use. If you think we might click, drop a note to PO Box 1755-S, Ross 94957 or call ★★3287. Photo appreciated and returned with one of mine.

Priority First Class

Smooth, handsome, masculine, cleancut, college prep, 28 yr., 5'9", 150 lbs., GBM seeks 1-1 relationship with attractive, masculine, straight appearing father/mentor, executive professional GWM 40-45 yrs. young. Must be physically fit, monogomous, supportive, honest, assertive, successful, modern thinker with modern taste, out of gay mainstream, top, a romantic. Great smile and eyes and a first class personality with manners to match. Some of our interests include education, travel, aviation, cooking, sports, beach, sailing, golf, nature, time at home. Quality music, friends, each other and living a strong, healthy, satisfying upscale lifestyle. Masculinity

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and control both physically and mentally in addition to being strong yet sensitive, liberal ideas, conservative taste, long term commitment and mature communication is a great mutual plus. Reply BT Box AG144 or call ★★3288.

A Welcoming Presence

Fair and frisky, thin, def., sensual fella with laughing eyes and heart to match seeks spirited comrade for earthly delights. You are sensitive, well-embodied, astute with an inviting playfulness. I'm a welcoming presence, a man who wants another man close, savoring points of contact and the spaces in between. Call ★★3289.

GWM, 44, Otherwise Fine

Seeks engaging partner, low stress, any race, no age limit, but I want someone experienced in love/life. (I am HIV-) Motive to have sex acceptable. I am like everyone else, intelligent, professional and I am caring. Shall we talk/meet? Nothing ventured, nothing gained. Reply Boxholder, 537 Jones St., #8778, SF 94102 or call ★★3290.

Excuses

Having made enough excuses for not trying to meet new friends or...until now, finally gathered enough courage to place my first ad! I'm 44, 6'4", 140, HIV-, Chinese professional person living in SF. I'm a shy but affectionate person with the usual interests. Have a lot to share and give. Would like to meet similar and compatible GWM/GAM

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Erotic Nipple Stimulation

Heighten your libido by exploring new arenas of nipple play and exotic massage. Experience with me the intense sensual pleasures released by stimulating errogenous zones. Discover how artful touch can accentuate an erotic encounter. I'm 27, HIV – and handsome with a smooth defined chest. I'm NOT into S/M, kink or toys, just 100% safe fun. Looking for attractive, intelligent, HIV – men under 33 who enjoy creative touch. Call ★★3292.

Gift Seeks Destination

This gift is warm, wise, funny and forthright, a genuine original in a goodlooking, very lean and tightly wrapped, smooth package. The destination receives this gift with grateful man hands and boyish wonder. He handles the whole package with care and listens deeply for what is inside. A well-wrapped treasure himself, he knows, too, that he is a unique gift, perhaps meant for the very one he receives. Call ★★3293

Mystery, Intrigue, Romance

Gay, queer fag looking to meet men who are more interested in a person's heart than in his dick size or his gym toned body. If you're interested in mystery, intrigue and romance, write and tell me everything you're willing to risk in a letter. I'll respond to all who put pen to paper. Sorry, no drinking or drugging. Reply BT Box AG146 or call ★★3294.

The BMW 750iL

may just possibly be the ultimate driving machine but what is more important is the man in the driver's seat. He is physically fit, confident, possesses a great deal of understated class, very attractive, and very special. He is masculine, professional, 40-45, supportive, a romantic, and monogamous. This very handsome, dark complected, 28 yr., intelligent, hot blooded, cool minded Scorpion with great potential is seeking the driver and a low maintenance, long term relationship with a father type disconnected from the mainstream. Write or call for further details and experience the difference between an ordinary relationship and the ultimate one. Call ★★3295.

Magic Numbers

1 (first time meeting each other), 5 (feet 9 inches or taller for you), 6 (feet tall for me), 7 (I'll let you guess what that number represents), 25 (minimum age for you), 28 (my age), 45 (maximum age for you), 69 (if you don't know what that number means than you should skip to the next ad), 240 (lbs. for me). Other significant information: I'm black, hairy, moustached, don't smoke or do drugs, light drinker. If any of the above interests you, Reply Boxholder, PO Box 191076, SF 94119-1076 or call ★★3296.

Massage Buddy

I really enjoy a good massage and all the relaxation, sensuality and euphoria which it brings. I am seeking other attractive young men (HIV –) to exchange tactile pleasures—novices to explore together and the experienced to teach me. I am very attractive, in my mid-twenties with a silky smooth, nicely shaped body. Let's untense those muscles, stimulate those chakras, and release those endorphins. Call ★★3297.

Bodies Electric

Goodlooking wiry body electric, highly charged with a fine lightning rod wants to be jolted by your active mind and keen muscles. Are your curiosity and bicepts peaked by the challenge? Does energy flash from full pecs and warm thighs? Can you smile with your eyes and joyfully hold caressing sighs as your muscles exert size when our bodies magnetize? Call ★★3298.

Simple Needs

Just a down-to-earth man looking for a special buddy, someone who appreciates humor, playfulness, a fit body, a bright mind, an open heart, and a furry chest. I'm 41, 6', 160 lbs., HIV –, goodlooking, bearded, hazel eyes, masculine, don't smoke, live healthily, exercise regularly. Love the outdoors, camping, hiking, "green" politics, men's bodies, drumming, poetry, rock 'n' roll, the tender touch, wrestling under tangled sheets, a good joke well told, emotional warmth, passion and compassion. Sex is great but it's just as important that I can talk to you. I have some powerful lovin' to give. Drop me a line (with photo) and let's talk about it. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 170426, SF 94117.

Sensual Buddy

Tall, slenderly muscular, 37 yo blond seeks outgoing or shy, slender or muscular East Bay GWM 20-45 yo with whom to explore nature and each other, build intimacy, and playfully share our bodies and trust. Enjoy French language, volleyball, swimming, film..., but more interested in the essential you and me than in finding exact interest parallels. You may be HIV – or healthy +, since either way we're caringly safe and passionate. Call ★★3299.

Outgoing Masculine Professional

wants to meet a clean-cut, bright, monogamous GWM for an active fun-filled relationship. I'm a loving man with a warm smile and great sense of humor; handsome (will send a photo to prove it), 6', 185# and a considerate, tender, versatile top. I enjoy an active and balanced lifestyle and would appreciate a man of equal energy and diverse interests including the outdoors, athletics, fine arts, travel, dining and quiet evenings at home and with friends. I would like to meet a younger man (I'm 52) who is stable and mature yet fun-loving, healthy and a non-smoker. Please be average height to tall with proportionate weight. You can reach me in Marin at: Boxholder, PO Box 1755-O, Ross 94957 or call ★★3300. Photo optional, but appreciated (and returned with one of mine).

Warmth And Fun

Energetic, creative, responsive and very fit 40 yo GWM who enjoys film, theatre, music, travel, gym, biking, walks, "things Disney," and magic would like to meet East Bay GWM or GAM of athletic build and engaging personality. Prefer you to be HIV – and gifted with a good sense of humor and a desire to build a playful intimacy. Call ★★3301.

Dominant WM coach, 43, 6', 195 lbs, 44" hairy chest, 24" thighs, seeks well built men 21-45 into exploring locker room and safe bondage fantasies. Gear interests include buldging jocks, Speedos, bike shorts, sweatpants, hard cup jocks, baseball uniforms, etc. Enjoy adding erotic bondage and lots of hot talk. Limits respected. Photo appreciated. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 10864, Oakland 94610 or call ★★3302.

Volcanic Eruptions

Will be released when the key to this very handsome, sensual, erotic & professional man's heart and soul is unlocked by his "Mr. Right." I'm seeking a warm, sensitive, physically fit, handsome & loving man who is equally interested in becoming involved in a meaningful lasting relationship. I'm a young 47, 185 lbs., 6'2", brown hair & eyes, mustached, tan & hairy. Love romantic dinners, walks on the beach, movies, music, dancing, trips & generally spending quality time cuddled up next to my "Mr. Wonderful." I'm extremely affectionate, terrific kisser, very healthy, HIV –, exercise daily, non-smoker and would expect my partner to be the same. Call ★★3303.

I Should Be Committed

So call me crazy. I'm 25, 180, br/gr handsomely stocky. I enjoy nature, quiet dinners cooked at home and laughter. I'm well balanced, not butch but a man first. I've traveled the globe, learned from Indian medicine men, children, and myself. I've rounded up buffalo, run a successful business and managed to create a wonderful reality. My only need is someone to create and share with. I seek a man who is ready to share in all that life has to offer. Someone who's in touch with their boy child and see's the beauty in all things. Someone who's their own person and is motivated by their dreams not by convention. Most importantly, a man who is spiritually, physically and emotionally ready to share workouts, dinners and a lifetime. Are you crazy too? Reply BT Box AG147 or call ★★3304.

LOVE HEALS

Big bearded 29 yo artist/contemporary shaman seeks loving brothers to share healing energies. We can start with a long, warm hug and conversation & see where the spirit moves us. I feel strong compatability with masculine men, especially strong white or Native American men 18-40. Your heart knows truth. When 2 come together in the name of love, a powerful magic is born. Let the sleeper awaken. Call ★★3305.

Bear Necessities

I'm 20 yo/160#, Brown Eye/Hair, Around 5'8", nonsmkr, Asian/Hispanic/Pacific Islander/Filippino Descent. I work out in the martial arts, semi-athletic, moustached, slightly a Bear/Cub. I am interested in meeting people and making friends. I'm informed that I have a 'Swimmers body build.' Moderately hairy. I'm into monogamy and by nature: friendly, nonconformist, romantic. I love: nature, animals, music, computers, and many other things. Especially adept at Metaphysics, New Age, Spirituality. I'm a Taurus, Metal Boar. (Currently res. Sac, CA). Preference: (30 or older), BEARlike, hairy, husky/hunky,

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moustached/bearded, possibly who work out, my height or taller, weight proportional. Besides the physical, it would be nice if they were: Gentle, kind, lighthearted, warm, understanding, romantic, friendly, humanitarianistic, spiritually minded, positive. Similar interests would be great. If you are interested or if any of this applies, please reply. Sincerely...with much TLC. Reply BT Box AG148 or call ★★3306. Photo appreciated.

Love (Yes)

GWM, 42, 5'11", 165, handsome, average build, bearded, balding, nonmaterialistic, spiritual and practical, a teacher, plays piano, loves nature walks and city culture. Seek lean, not very hairy man, younger than me, any race, reliable, self-supporting, communicative, substance-unhooked, HIV-, masculine, out as gay. Want to develop long-term, monogamous relationship where each cares for self and other. Describe yourself and interests, include phone, photo optional. Reply Boxholder, POB 8031, Berkeley 94707 or call ★★3307.

I Talk Afterwards

I'm a handsome 31 yo GWM, 6'1", 180#, with a trim beard; HIV-. Live in Contra Costa, work in SF. My big blue eyes reveal honesty, sensuality, and a fun-loving heart. I seek a tall guy around my age or older who, like me, knows how to take care of himself mentally and physically; who enjoys his life in the singular sense, but who would also enjoy sharing walks, talks, touches and life with someone. The "wrapping" is important; the "present" more important. Please send letter with photo (if available). Reply BT Box AG149 or call ★★3308.

Chubby Tenor On The Prowl!

GW OLT (operatic lyric tenor), 37, 5'8", 250lbs., brbr, and furry. Okay, I may be chubby, but from the neck up I am fabulous. I've been told I look like Pavarotti but with much nicer teeth and a better complexion. I'm looking for good times, good tunes, good pasta, and a good man. You are in your mid-twenties to late-thirties, handsome, body in proportion to weight, creative, passionate, secure, sweet with no major addictions. Mustaches and glasses are a plus but a great face suits me well! I'm very oral and aural, and prefer something other than being kneaded like bread dough. I'd like a steady beau, someone to share my music making with and to experience the pleasures of each other's company. I've had enough of my relationship with Pacific Bell. If interested, send a reply and photo (will be returned). Reply BT Box AG150 or call ★★3309.

Raised On Flipper And Swim Team

30 something GWM, 6'2", 180, handsome, blue-brown, professional, boyish, playful but shy, into fitness, swimming, bicycling, deserted beaches, camping, sex in the shower, pseudo-vegetarian, exotic meals, wine, occasional illegal substances, tropical vacations, gay rights, honesty, intense in career but overall laidback, great body, receding hair, wants to meet other happy, athletic, stable, non-smoking GM of same age for friendship or relationship. Call ★★3310

Voluntary Simplicity

Stonehouses, Mendo. coastal ranges, deciduous trees, mountains, early music, children, low-tech, but mac cottage, financial independence, kink, spirit. Am 33, 5'11". Seeking one or two soulmates to build path to paradise. Will reply all. Reply BT Box AG151.

Slightly Older/San Jose

GWM, 55, 5'7", 160, responsible, professional. Enjoys movies, videos, theatre, soft romantic music, playing piano, quiet evenings, sensitive, caring, honest, shy, not into bars. Seeking N/S, N/D, no drugs, who is sincere and caring for monogamous relationship. San Jose or South Bay preferred. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 23744, San Jose 95123 or call ★★3311.

'What's Love Got To Do With It?'

Five feet, ten inch, one hundred fifety pound, 28 year old black man, searching for chemistry with another. Masculinity, honesty, respect for self, awareness of surroundings, passion, are qualities that attract. Interested? Then write me a letter and trust time to provide a rendezvous. I will answer all replies. Reply BT Box AG152.

Dildos

Piercings and ball stretchers turn me on! If you're 25-45, lean/muscled/in-shape and would like to play, then please contact me with phone/photo. I'm 34, 5'11", 165, 9" cut; more bottom than top. Slide something up me and make me happy! Reply BT Box AG153 or call ★★3312.

Son Of Goldilocks

Goldilicks wandered into the home of the three bears, and got real hungry for what the bears had to eat! Daddy Bear's was hot, but not too hot for 'Licks! "Momma" Bear's was cool, but he warmed it up! (Baby bear's was just right, but 'Licks does like variety.) Daddy Bear's seat was too hard, so 'Licks gave him a better place to sit. "Momma" Bear's seat was too soft so he put somethiing stiff into it to make it a hole lot better. And baby bear was one happy cub, once 'Licks made his seat just right. When it was time for bed, 'Licks didn't mind that Daddy's was so-o-o-o big, or that "Momma's" was small—and yes, Baby Bear was just right, but the more the merrier! Goldilicks is a sturdy fellow in his mid-thirties; handsome, healthy (HIV+), and loaded for bear. He's working on a sequel. It could be a series of short stories, or a life-spanning love epic. Once the characters come into play we'll see how the plot develops. Reply BT Box AG154 or call ★★3313.

More Than A One Night Stand

handsome, slightly shy, HIV-, 42, 150#, gym-toned, young-spirited, irreverent, career oriented, artistic, opinionated, open-minded, slightly romantic, ex-Mormon, sexually versatile, with an average size and nicely proportioned cock, wanting to be more mature about my involvements, seeks trim, HIV-, over 30, reasonably attractive male for outings, amusement, comfortable to kinky sex, emotional support, and growth oriented commitment. Reply BT Box AG155 or call ★★3314.

Seeking Mr. Imperfect!

Handsome but not perfect GAM seeks flawed GWM. I'm not Adonis therefore you need not be one either. Just be average looking and clean cut. Like me, I seek someone special around my Height 5'10", 160 lbs. 25 yrs. old and masculine. If you are looking for friendship and tender affections, write me a letter and enclose a photo (returnable). Reply BT Box AG156.

Settle Down With A Bear!

27 yo GWM, 6'1", 250#, long brown hair, beard, glasses, weird sense of humor, looking for a steady. Am sensual, compassionate, and very stable. Had enough of the bars, the attitudes, the flakes—just want a real man, near my age (under 35?), as fun-loving and outgoing as I am. I like: Roller coasters, scary movies, camping/road trips, LIVE 105, The Simpsons, Parker Lewis, Stephen King—blah, blah, blah. Enough! We'll know it when we meet, right? So talk to me, already! (But please be smoke and drug-free.) Reply BT Box AG157 or call ★★3315.

Regular Guy

Irish-Italian 35 live in country. HIV-, 5'10", 150 lbs. Brown curly hair, brown eyes, reddish moustache. I like sports, animals, music, politics. I'm the work hard, play hard type. Looking for someone who is balanced. Honesty and openness more important than commitment. Reply with photo and or phone number. Box 5184, Santa Rosa 95402.

Relationship With Discreet GAM

36, GAM, 5'10", 140 lbs., honest, thin, serious, conservative, sensitive, HIV-, like arts & nature. Looking for relationship or friendship with man close to my age, clean & healthy, kind & diligent, stable & cultured. Photo appreciated (will return). Please write to: PO Box 14994, Warm Spring Station, Fremont 94539.

Mature Intellectuals (You and I)

Older (49), wittier, heavier, attractive, musician (piano, guitar, singer); unabashedly a political lefty; likes semiotics, piano duets, paper craft, feminism, Agatha Christie, Doris Lessing, and more! Sensitivity and intelligence is more important than your HIV status, race, age. I want to explore intimacy with someone who feels the same. If you're sensitive, intelligent, and leftist, give me a call. ★★3316.

I Like Them Straight

My problem is that I'm attracted to men who are SO straight acting I'd be surprised to see them in a gay bar. I'm a masculine, educated (HIV-) GWM looking for same. I'm 28, 5'9", 150 lbs., business-type with little interest in the feminine side of men. You're probably my height or taller, have all your hair, a degree, ambition and an aggressive attitude on life. Closet dwellers (like me) are fine. I'm looking for a relationship with someone who shares some (not all) of my common interests in cars, modern art, cycling, dive restaurants, swap meets, LA Law, Star Trek and copious amounts of safe sex. Write me at PO Box 174, Belmont 94002 or call ★★3317.

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PINK SATURDAY

thanks the Community for making our Parade Eve extravaganza a smash success!!

We urge everyone who enjoyed Pink Saturday to make an additional contribution to any of the seven Community organizations that benefited from the event. If you missed Pink Saturday, you still have the opportunity to participate by sending a check made out to the organization of your choice (listed below) to:

Pink Saturday • 4111 18th Street, Suite 3 • San Francisco, CA 94114

Community United Against Violence

CUAV seeks to address and prevent violence directed at lesbians, gay men and bisexuals, and to provide assistance to those in relationships with abusive lovers. CUAV also offers speakers for schools and local groups, safety monitoring for neighborhood events, and other community education programs. For more info call CUAV at 864-3112.

Gay Men of Color AIDS Consortium

GMOC advocates for equity in health and social services for all men of color, whether or not they self-identify as gay. It maintains a positive working relationship with other organizations and agencies serving people of color and those serving primarily gay white males. For more info call Wendell Carmichael at 864-1214.

Jon Sims Center for the Performing Arts

The Center is devoted to promoting lesbian and gay performers as an integral and important part of the arts community. The Center is the home of the Freedom Day Parade Committee and the Asian American Dance Collective, and the sponsor of the S.F. Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band, City Swing and others. For info call 621-5619.

Project Inform

PI educates the at-risk population on HIV/AIDS testing, monitoring, and early intervention; provides accurate and clear information on the access and use of the most promising treatments; acts to influence public policy and regulations on treatment research and availability; and initiates necessary research not being done elsewhere. PI distributes information regarding these programs through a national, toll-free hotline and a journal. For info call 626-2145.

Shanti Project Residence for Women With AIDS

The Residence is a safe, low-cost, long-term, cooperative, independent residence for women with AIDS who are unable to work but don't require long-term hospitalization or hospice care. The Residence enables residents to enjoy independence, stability, and a better quality of life for as long as possible. For info call 864-7567.

The Women's Building/ El Edificio de Mujeres

The Women's Building provides meeting space, rentals, technical assistance, information and referral, and sponsorship to those involved in organizing progressive social change that addresses women's issues. Emphasis is placed on the needs of women of color, low-income women and lesbians. For info call 431-1180.

National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights Local Organizing Committee

The NMOW Local Organizing Committee will work over the course of the next two years to coordinate Bay Area participation in the planning and execution of the 1993 National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. A main goal of the local organizing committee will be to assure accessibility to women, communities of color, the differently abled, and people with low incomes. For more info call 864-5498.

The Party's over but the work goes on